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NOTICES FOR 1872.

Meeting of 1872, — at Pittsfield, on the third Tuesday of June, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Provisional Committee for 1872, — Rev. Edward Strong, Rev. John Todd, Rev. Charles V. Spear, Bro. Thomas Colt, Dea. H. M. Pierson.

Associational Preacher for 1872, — to be designated by Cape Cod Association.

Collection of Statistics. — The Secretary sends, early in December, a sufficient number of "blanks" to the Statistical Scribes of the several Associations. Each Scribe sends, in December, a "blank" to each Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Clerk, of the churches within his territorial limits; and the Pastors, etc., return the blank, properly filled, to the Statistical Scribe on or before January 10. Each Statistical Scribe sends all his reports to the Secretary February 1; if any are then delinquent, securing returns and forwarding as fast as obtained.

Taxes. — A sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member, to be collected by the Treasurers of the Local Conferences of Churches, and paid to Stephen T. Farwell, 15 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. The number of such resident members in each church will be found in the Statistics of the churches, printed in this pamphlet. These taxes are now due.

Corresponding Bodies. — The former system of delegations to the several General Associations and Conferences has been discontinued. List of Delegates to National Council will be found on page 9.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(ELECTED IN 1871 FOR THREE YEARS.)

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, New Bedford, Secretary, ... 1856–
REV. JAMES P. KIMBALL, Haydenville, Registrar, ... 1868–
STEPHEN T. FARWELL, 15 Cornhill, Boston, Treasurer, ... 1861–

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, 40 Winter Street, Boston, is Secretary of the Committee on Home Evangelization, a list of whose members will be found by referring to the Index, last page of this pamphlet.

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MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met in the meeting house of the Payson Church, Easthampton, June 20, 1871, at 4 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Samuel T. Seelye,* pastor of the church.

The credentials of the members were presented, and the list read by the Registrar.

Rev. Joshua W. Wellman,* of Newton, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Edward S. Atwood, of Salem, Assistant Registrar.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and an address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Samuel T. Seelye.

Rev. J. Jay Dana, Rev. Rowland Ayres, and Dea. Jonas Brooks, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Delegates from the Ministerial Associations:

Andover, — *None.*
Berkshire North, — Rev. J. Jay Dana, Rev. Edward Strong.
Berkshire South, — Rev. Thomas Crowther, Rev. Evarts Scudder.
Brookfield, — Rev. John Dodge, Rev. William G. Tuttle.
Cape Cod, — Rev. Henry C. Fay.
Essex North, — Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Rev. Lewis Gregory.
Essex South, — Rev. James Brand, Rev. Edward S. Atwood.
Franklin, — Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. David A. Strong.
Hampden East, — Rev. Martin S. Howard, Rev. Edwin B. Palmer.
Hampden West, — Rev. Edward A. Smith.
Hampshire, — Rev. John H. Bisbee, Rev. Rufus P. Wells.
Hampshire East, — Rev. Rowland Ayres.
Mendon, — Rev. Noadiah S. Dickinson.
Middlesex South, — Rev. J. Henry Jones, Rev. Ellis R. Drake.
Middlesex Union, — Rev. George H. Morss.
Norfolk, — Rev. Charles W. Wood, Rev. John C. Labaree.
Old Colony, — Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher.
Plymouth, — Rev. Philip Titcomb, Rev. George A. Tewksbury.

* Honorary titles are omitted in accordance with former votes of the Association.

Suffolk North, — Rev. Edward G. Porter, Rev. Albert Bryant.
Suffolk South, — Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Rev. Jonathan Edwards.
Suffolk West, — Rev. Joshua W. Wellman.
Woburn, — Rev. John Lawrence.
Worcester Central, — Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Rev. William A. Houghton.
Taunton, — Rev. William W. Adams, Rev. Hartford P. Leonard.

Delegates from the Local Conferences of Churches:

Andover, — Nathan W. Frye.
Barnstable, — Moses Baker.
Berkshire South, — John S. Wolf, Jared Reid.
Brookfield, — N. Bennett, William E. Lewis.
Essex North, — John P. Sargent, William Thurston.
Essex South, — Augustus Mudge.
Franklin, — Reuben Nims, Edward C. Hawkes, John Clary.
Hampden, — George C. Ewing, Charles Marsh.
Hampshire, — Garry Munson, Elam Graves, Wm. H. Stoddard.
Hampshire East, — George Dickinson.
Mendon, — Wm. M. Thayer, F. D. Ellis, Warren Chenery.
Middlesex South, — Peter Fay, James Farrar, Dexter Washburn.
Middlesex Union, — C. T. Symmes.
Norfolk, — Stephen W. Nash.
Pilgrim, — E. B. Thompson.
Suffolk South, — James White.
Woburn, — Waldo E. Cowdry.
Worcester Central, — Jonas Brooks.
Worcester North, — Henry Lawrence.
Worcester South, — Esek Saunders, Amos Holbrook, David M. Bean.

Massachusetts Home Missionary Society:

Rev. Henry B. Hooker, Dea. Ezra Farnsworth.

Ex-officio:

Rev. Samuel T. Seelye, *Pastor of the Church.*
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, *Secretary.*
Rev. James P. Kimball, *Registrar.*

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Delegate from Corresponding Body:

Rhode Island Congregational Conference, — Rev. Thomas Laurie.

By Previous Appointments:

Rev. Albert H. Plumb, *Preacher of the Opening Sermon.*
Rev. Joshua Colt, *Preacher of the Associational Sermon.*

COMMITTEES.

Rev. Charles W. Wood, Rev. Martin S. Howard, and Dea. James White were chosen Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Samuel T. Seelye, Rev. John H. Bisbee, and Dea. Esek Saunders, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements, after which the Association took a recess until evening.

Tuesday Evening, 7½ *oclock.* The Association re-assembled and listened to a sermon from Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Chelsea. Text, Matt. xxv: 36. "I was sick and ye visited me." The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Robert Crawford, of Deerfield.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, *June* 21. The Association assembled at 8½ A. M. for devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. James Brand. At 9 o'clock the roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. S. Dickinson.

SALUTATIONS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Salutations were presented by Rev. Thomas Laurie, from the Rhode Island Congregational Conference, and by letter, from Rev. Henry A. Hazen, representing the General Association of New Hampshire; and Rev. Luman C. Gilbert, representing the General Conference of Minnesota; and Rev. Lucien Farnham, for General Association of Illinois.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

A communication from Rev. I. N. Tarbox, in reference to the change in the day of Prayer for Colleges, to the last Thursday in January, embodying the opinion of the Presidents of various Colleges, was presented by the Secretary. The Association voted to recommend to the churches to accede to the change in the day.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. A. H. Quint, Chairman of Committee appointed at the session of 1870, reported the proceedings of a Convention of delegates from the several General Associations, whereupon the Association

Voted, That it is expedient, and appears clearly to be the voice of the churches, that a National Council of the Congregational churches of the

United States be organized, and that this Association be represented in the same.

Rev. N. S. Dickinson offered the following resolution:

That inasmuch as the organization that is to represent the Congregational churches of the United States is not to exercise any ecclesiastical authority, and is to be modelled, not after our ecclesiastical Councils but after the Conferences of our churches, it is the judgment of this Association, that in order to prevent all misunderstanding of the motives and objects of the proposed organization, it should be called the National Conference of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

After considerable discussion the resolve was adopted by a vote of 33 to 27; and the nomination of delegates was referred to the Nominating Committee.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to receive and examine the circular prepared by the Committee on Home Evangelization for returns from the churches, together with all other communications bearing upon the same subject, and report upon the same at their earliest convenience.

And Rev. Horace Parker, Rev. John Dodge, Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, Rev. Amos Holbrook, and Bro. Augustus Mudge, were constituted the Committee.

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

A Committee consisting of Rev. Wm. I. Buddington, Rev. Ray Palmer, and Rev. Henry M. Storrs, deputed by the Conference of New York and Brooklyn, were introduced and made statements in regard to the present condition and future prospects of the American and Foreign Christian Union. After listening to the deputation,

Resolved, That the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts withdraws its former recommendations of the American and Foreign Christian Union as an almoner of the contributions of the churches.

Resolved, That for the further prosecution of the work of the Gospel in nominally Christian countries a Provisional Committee of five be appointed by this Association to take measures in concert with such other committees as may be appointed to act with them, in order to preserve the work from detriment and prosecute it with increased energy until settled ar-

rangements shall be made for the direction of the work; and that until that time the churches be advised and requested to intrust their contributions for this work to the charge of this Committee.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association it is desirable that in the arrangement for the prosecution of this work no addition be made to the number of organizations for collecting and disbursing the contributions of the churches.

Rev. Edward N. Kirk, Rev. E. B. Webb, Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, Bro. Wm. B. Washburn, and Bro. John M. Pinkerton, were chosen as that Provisional Committee, with power to fill vacancies.

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. J. W. Harding and Bro. O. W. Willcox, were nominated on the part of the Association, on the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society.

COMMITTEES.

Brethren Wm. H. Stoddard, Wm. Thurston, and Peter Fay, were appointed Finance Committee.

Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. N. S. Dickinson, and Bro. Moses Baker, were chosen committee for the nomination of delegates to corresponding bodies.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers for the term of three years, and elected

Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, of New Bedford, Secretary,
Rev. James P. Kimball, of Haydenville, Registrar,
Bro. Stephen T. Farwell, of Boston, Treasurer.

After which the Association adjourned.

2 *o'clock P. M.* The Association reassembled. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Henry M. Storrs. At 2½ o'clock the Moderator took the chair. An hour was then occupied by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Rev. Wm. A. Stearns presiding. At 3½ the Association resumed its business sessions.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES.

Rev. S. T. Seelye introduced the following amendment, which was laid over, under the rules, until the next day.

Resolved, That Rule 15, Sect. 2, be amended by assigning the Sermon and Sacrament to Tuesday evening at the option of the Provisional Committee, permitting the Provisional Committee to select a preacher for Wednesday evening.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The subject of Home Evangelization was then taken up. A report was presented by Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, which was accepted and the following resolve adopted:

Resolved, That this General Association, without entering upon a careful examination of all details included in the suggestions of the State Committee on Home Evangelization, cordially approves of their tenor, and recommends them to the attention of the churches.

The Secretary presented Memorials in relation to Home Evangelization from Worcester South and Brookfield Associations and Brookfield Associational Conference, which were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Edward Strong, Rev. E. B. Webb, and Bro. Wm. G. Tuttle, with instructions to report during the present session.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary presented his annual report.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The Committee on Blanks made a report, which, pending the report of the Special Committee on Home Evangelization, was laid on the table.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. J. Jay Dana submitted the following resolutions on the subject of Temperance, which were adopted:

Whereas, The religion of Jesus Christ is the source of the power and triumph of all true moral reforms, and imparts to them that tone which the Bible alone evokes and imposes upon all who have embraced it, the duty of teaching and practising every virtue which the reformation and salvation of men require; and whereas the church cannot live without

the Temperance reform, any more than the Temperance reform can live without the church: therefore

Resolved, That we believe entire abstinence from all intoxicating drinks: to be a Christian duty, alike necessary to a pious life and a consistent Christian example, and therefore binding upon every disciple of Jesus.

Resolved, That we heartily approve all appropriate moral agencies to advance the Temperance cause, such as Temperance sermons and lectures, the introduction of the pledge in the Sabbath and Public schools, as well as among adults, the circulation of Temperance literature, the organization of Temperance societies, and all other instrumentalities necessary to advance the cause of total abstinence.

Resolved, That since the traffic in intoxicating drinks of all kinds is antagonistic both to the moral agencies used to promote the Temperance reform, and to the means of grace employed by the Church to save men, we hereby record our uncompromising hostility to this traffic, and pledge our support to its legal prohibition.

THE TREASURY.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's report to be correct, and submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

The Committee would recommend that the local Conferences raise a sum equal to two cents for each resident member of their several churches, and remit the same to S. T. Farwell, 15 Cornhill, Boston.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the names of the following persons as delegates to the National Council, who were unanimously elected:

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT,	Rev. WILLIAM W. ADAMS,
Rev. MARK HOPKINS,	Rev. MASON NOBLE, Jr.,
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB,	Rev. JOSHUA W. WELLMAN,
Rev. SAMUEL T. SEELYE,	Rev. JONATHAN L. JENKINS,
Rev. EDWARD S. ATWOOD,	Rev. JAMES M. WHITON,
Bro. ALPHEUS HARDY,	Bro. J. RUSSELL BRADFORD,
Bro. WM. C. PLUNKETT,	Bro. JOSEPH WHITE,
Bro. REUBEN A. CHAPMAN,	Bro. JOSEPH MURDOCK,
Bro. S. M. LANE.	Bro. S. T. FIELD.

It was also

Voted, That in case a primary cannot fulfill the appointment, he shall notify the substitute whose name is set against his own; and that if his

substitute does not notify him of the acceptance of the service, the primary may select and appoint any other from this list of substitutes, to act in his place.

The Association then adjourned.

7½ *P. M.* The Association reassembled, and was led in prayer by Rev. Wm. M. Thayer, after which addresses were made by Rev. Samuel H. Lee, Rev. A. H. Clapp, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Rev. E. B. Webb, and Rev. A. H. Quint.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, June 22. The Association assembled at 8½ A. M. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Edward S. Atwood. At 9 A. M. the Moderator took the chair. The minutes were read. Brother Samuel Williston was introduced, and welcomed by the Association. Prayer was offered by Bro. Ezra Farnsworth.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

The work of the Congregational Association was presented by Rev. E. B. Webb and bro. Ezra Farnsworth. The moderator being obliged to leave, Rev. Edward Strong was called to the chair.

The Association adopted the following:

Resolved, That the General Association expresses its gladness at the progress of the movement for a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE in Boston, and earnestly recommends all the churches to assist in its speedy completion; considering, that while it is a movement of national interest, it is particularly a work in which our own churches should be foremost.

SESSION OF 1872.

It was *Voted*, That the session of 1872 be held with the South Congregational church in Pittsfield, and that Rev. Edward Strong, Rev. John Todd, Rev. Charles V. Spear, Hon. Thomas Colt, and Dea. H. M. Pierson, be Provisional Committee.

COLLEGE SOCIETY.

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield presented the cause of the College Society.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The State Committee on Home Evangelization, for the current year, was appointed as follows:

Chairmen and other appointees of Local Conferences, the same as last year, with the substitution of James G. Buttrick, Rev. John W. Dodge, Rev. Hartford P. Leonard, Rev. Walter Rice, in place of retired Chairmen in their several Conferences.

Also, the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; and as members at large the same as last year, with the omission of A. W. Dodge, and David Whitcomb; and the addition of Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, Rev. John W. Harding, Rev. Joshua Coit, Rev. Stephen Knowlton, Rev. John H. Windsor.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER BODIES.

The Committee on delegation to corresponding bodies, presented the following report which was adopted:

Resolved, That while this Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts cherishes with warm sympathy and affection the various ecclesiastical bodies with which we have hitherto been in correspondence, and while in the future we shall be no less happy than in the past to receive their Christian salutations, nevertheless, in order to economise wisely the time allotted at our annual meetings to necessary business, and in view of the fact that a National Council, if organized, will better answer the objects of fellowship, we deem it inexpedient to continue the appointment of delegates to convey to these bodies in form, the yearly expression of our Christian regards.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The Special Committee to whom Memorials on Home Evangelization were referred, made the following report:

They cordially approve the spirit and purpose of these memorials, looking as they do toward a rigid economy in the disbursement of the funds contributed by our churches for benevolent purposes. At the same time they desire to express their very high appreciation of the value of what has been accomplished by the agency of the Secretary of Home Evangelization, and of what he may yet be able to accomplish. He has been commendably earnest, indefatigable, inventive, and persistent in his work, and we think in good degree successful. He has stimulated pastors, churches and conferences to a greater activity in this direction. He has collected valuable statistics and made valuable use of them. He has been the occasion of the planting of Mission Sabbath schools, and neighborhood prayer-

meetings, and of starting not a few individual Christians in personal Christian work.

In labors of this kind he has naturally met with varying success. Your Committee are not surprised to learn that in some sections, like those from which the memorials have come, it is beginning to be felt that the local churches and individual Christians no longer need the special stimulus and activities which he has supplied. Quite likely they are correct so far as relates to the sections they represent. There are however other portions of the State, including some of our large manufacturing towns and cities, in which all his time and experience may well enough for the present be employed. There are still problems of Christian work and church work to be more thoroughly wrought out than they could be by the honored and beloved Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, and for which the Secretary of Home Evangelization is eminently qualified, and in which he is deeply interested. Agreeing then with your memorialists that the two Secretaryships, that of the Home Missionary Society and of Home Evangelization should, at least ere long, be united and filled by one person, we are of opinion that the time for such union has not yet fully come. All which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. STRONG.
EDWIN B. WEBB.
W. G. TUTTLE.

This report was adopted. The report upon blanks for statistics of Home Evangelization was also taken from the table, and that subject was referred to the Committee on Home Evangelization.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The amendments proposed on the day previous [page 8] were then taken up and adopted.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. Edward S. Atwood, it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Association, for cordial welcome and Christian hospitality which has made this session so memorably pleasant, be tendered to the Payson church in Easthampton, and its beloved pastor, and also to the First Church and its pastor, for their kind cooperation. The Association appreciates the warmth of welcome and Christian love in this beautiful town, and it appreciates the privilege of dining together daily at a public house, successfully conducted while free from all unlawful traffic. Our thanks are also tendered to the choir of the Payson church for their very acceptable assistance in the service of song, and to the several railroads which have given return tickets to persons attending this meeting.

On motion of Rev. A. H. Quint,

Voted, That the Association express its sense of the courteous manner in which the Moderator has fulfilled his duties.

Voted, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet for the sermon and sacrament, at the close of which the Association stand adjourned *sine die*.

The minutes were read and accepted, after which the Association took a recess until two o'clock.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock P. M.* A sermon was preached by Rev. Joshua Coit of Brookfield, from Matt. viii, 7: "And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him."

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Palmer, of Chicopee.

After the sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. J. H. Bisbee, of Huntington, and Rev. Thomas Shepard, of Bristol, R. I., officiating.

The Association then stood adjourned *sine die*.

JOSHUA W. WELLMAN, *Moderator*.
EDWARD STRONG, *Moderator pro tem*.

JAMES P. KIMBALL, *Registrar*.
EDWARD S. ATWOOD, *Assistant Registrar*.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS, *in account with* STEPHEN T. FARWELL, *Treasurer.*

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1870.			
June	23.	To cash paid dispatch from Taunton to Montpelier, Vt., .	$1.45
		To cash paid Wm. M. Adams for printing programmes for meeting of General Association in Taunton, . . .	13.00
	24.	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising, ...	6.00
		To cash paid railroad fare, (Treasurer,)	.45
Sept.	10.	To cash paid postage stamps, ...	.67
	19.	To cash paid Committee on Jubilee Meetings, expense of circulars to local Conferences and individuals and postage, ...	4.16
1871.			
Feb.	21.	To cash paid E. Anthony & Sons, printing 2,500 copies of the "Minutes," 1,400 circulars and blanks for statistics and cost of distributing the same postpaid through the mail, ...	913.50
			$939.23

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1870.			
Sept.	28.	By cash received of Berkshire North Conference, . . .	$19.00
Oct.	3.	By cash received of Norfolk Conference, $36.00; Dec. 17, .90, . . .	36.90
	10.	By cash received of Franklin Conference, ...	25.00
	14.	By cash received of Andover Conference, ...	31.00
	24.	By cash received of Middlesex South Conference, . . .	20.60
Nov.	8.	By cash received of Essex North Conference, ...	31.06
	28.	By cash received of Taunton and Vicinity Conference .	18.00
Dec.	17.	By cash received of Worcester South Conference, . . .	19.10
1871.			
Jan.	11.	By cash received of Suffolk North Conference, ...	44.00
	16.	By cash received of Essex South Conference, ...	40.00
	19.	By cash received of Barnstable Conference, $12.67; April 13, 1.50, . .	14.17
	20.	By cash received of Berkshire South Conference, . . .	15.05
	30.	By cash received of Woburn Conference, ...	25.10
Feb.	16.	By cash received of Old Colony Conference, ...	22.25
Apr.		By cash received of Hampshire East Conference, ...	28.80
	20.	By cash received of Suffolk South Conference, ...	55.14
	27.	By cash received of Brookfield Associational Conference,	28.75
May	23.	By cash received of Middlesex Union Conference, . . .	23.79
		By cash received of Mendon Conference, ...	10.94
			$508.65
		Balance from last year per account rendered, ...	368.73
			877.38
		Balance due the Treasurer June 19, 1871, ...	61.85
			$939.23

REPORT ON THE

Work of the Churches and State of Religion:

BEING THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

STATE COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

PRESENTED TO THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AT EASTHAMPTON, JUNE 21st, 1871.

Reports of Church work have been received by the State Committee from eighteen of the twenty-four Conferences. At the present date, the following Conferences have not been heard from, viz.: Andover, Berkshire North, Essex North, Middlesex South, Middlesex Union, Suffolk North, Worcester South. In the first, second, and fifth, the omission is accounted for by changes in the Local Committees; and the last has never given notice of the appointment of any Committee on Home Evangelization. It is under stood that peculiar difficulties have been in the way of the commencement of a vigorous and systematic effort in that part of the State. Pastors have reported a discouraging aspect of affairs.

The following extracts from the Narratives will give some idea of what the churches have been doing and of the religious condition of the surrounding communities. Additional particulars, with some of the statistics, will be found in the Appendix.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

(No Report.)

BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE.

Reports have been received from fourteen of the twenty-two churches in this Conference — those not reporting being without pastors, and three of them without regular services. The response to inquiries, though tardy, has been cheerful.

In *West Barnstable*, the Sunday-school has been substituted for the afternoon service, to relieve the pastor who has found himself compelled to take charge of the High School during the week. A large part of the church members are advanced in years. The church is not active. The Sunday-school is sustained with difficulty. Some of the neglecters, — who are for the most part Universalists, Spiritualists or Skeptics — are drawn into neighborhood prayer-meetings. The losses of the church have been greater than the additions.

The pastor of the church at *Centreville* makes a statement of great interest. A revival has been blessed to "the permanent awakening of the majority of its members." An expository service on Sunday afternoons has stimulated new interest in the study of the Scriptures. Once a month it is customary to devote this exercise to the benefit of the Sunday-school; after which, the young people remain for personal conversation upon the subject discussed; the pastor availing himself of the opportunity to press home the truth directly upon the heart, conversing, when practicable, with each one singly. At times, many have seemed deeply affected. On every Sabbath also, after the regular service, an invitation is given to meet the pastor for personal conversation. There has been a constant religious interest in the Sunday-school.

During the revival, some of the ladies began speaking in the meetings — and are now the life of them — though previously opposed to the practice. Two years ago the prayer-meetings were so dull that at last the pastor could bear it no longer; so, leaving the desk, he took his seat among the people and introduced an informal talk. The meetings are now natural, conversational, sometimes delightful, and always good.

The out-districts are reached by prayer-meetings and the distribution of religious reading. The neglecters are numerous; but the pastor endeavors to visit every one for personal conversation. He suggests a restoration of the *daily meeting*, and thinks that nothing else can overcome the daily power of the world.

Revivals have also been enjoyed at *Chatham*, *South Dennis*, *Harwich Port* and *Wellfleet* — with from nine to nineteen additions in each.

The church in *Harwich* has paid off its debt. *Harwich Port*, *Falmouth* and *Orleans* have secured new pastors. *Truro* affords a good illustration of the advantage of a permanent pastorate. Its minister has been there more than twenty-one years, and is one who truly watches for souls. Though the town is declining in population and the church suffers greatly from removals, the proportion of church attendance, instead of diminishing, has increased. Three fourths of the congregation are in the Sunday-

school — many having been gathered in by "solicitors" appointed for the purpose. Some of the Portuguese, also, are by personal effort brought into meetings. Here, as at Centerville, women "have taken part in the prayer-meetings, speaking and praying, to edification."

The church in *Wellfleet* has had a year of prosperity. A revival commenced with the week of prayer; nineteen have been added to the church, and hopes are cherished that others still are to come. There has been a good deal of visiting from house to house, for personal conversation; and a female prayer-meeting, held weekly through the year, has also seemed to do much good. In *South Wellfleet*, there have been a number of hopeful conversions. Intemperance is scarcely known in the vicinity.

The church in *Yarmouth* has completed its new meeting-house, at a cost of $18,000, all paid. The two out-districts have been cared for, as in past years; but untoward influences from abroad have interfered with their progress. A general improvement, however, is visible; and the labor expended has by no means been lost.

The church at *Hyannis* invites special attention not only from its sister churches of the neighborhood, but from all Congregational churches in the State. Since last Fall it has had no minister. It is at such a distance from the nearest Congregational churches, that the people are practically out of their reach. The congregation have become discouraged; and the church, organized seventeen years ago, and upon which a large amount of missionary funds has been expended, is in danger of becoming extinct. Planted in the midst of an active population, its present condition may well give rise to a question of some difficulty and of great importance.

In *Provincetown*, also, the ancient church, founded in 1714, and reorganized in 1774, which ought long ago, it would seem, to have been eminent for numbers and every kind of strength, has actually fewer members than it had in 1860. Surrounded by a population of five thousand souls, its congregation embraces but forty-one families, and its house of worship is of "very unattractive appearance," while those of other denominations are "large and beautiful." It is without a pastor. The Chairman of the Committee well adds: "This spot, first pressed by Pilgrim feet, should not be abandoned by their sons." The harbor where *their compact* was signed ought never to want a witness to their principles. The church polity which they have bequeathed us, "is peculiarly adapted to the vigorous population of this place," and only needs an earnest and determined spirit in those who hold to it, in order to secure its proper position and usefulness in this its ancient home.

The Committee of this Conference close their report with "a few suggestions." "It is very evident," they observe, "that while in most of the towns of this county we have the advantage of numbers and a preponderating influence," we suffer for lack of "systematic plans of action, as churches." We need "more enterprise"; such as will "lead to a general reconnoitring of the ground and a discovery of the elements of our weak-

ness as well as the points of our strength." While "each church must understand its own field and its peculiar work, there are certain particulars deserving the attention of all."

"First. There is a call for special doctrinal instruction in the pulpit and the Sabbath-school, adapted to counteract Universalism, Spiritualism, and current scepticism."

"There are masses of unbelievers in various localities between our churches whose influence is more or less felt." "A part of the inefficiency of the churches is owing to the feebleness of the hold that even many Christians have upon their faith."

Second. Greater spirituality is called for in the Sabbath-school.

"Our opportunities for reaching our young men are confined, in great measure, to the first twelve or fourteen years of their life." "It is evidently our duty, not merely to sow the good seed, but to seek the regeneration of the heart, before they so early embark upon their perilous voyage of life." The teachers in our Sunday-schools need to be "more spiritual and personal in their application of truth, and more watchful for souls."

Third. We would suggest the need of a more thorough training of teachers for their work. Their power is in proportion to their fitness.

Fourth. "The value of the assistance rendered by *Christian women* in the prayer-meeting, is matter of demonstration in this county." "Whatever may be said of the duty of women to keep silence in the churches, in ordinary cases, the fact that so large a portion of the brethren are most of the time absent, renders it expedient for them to take a large share in the meetings here. It is the uniform testimony, that they have added interest and efficiency wherever they have spoken freely."

Finally, "We close with the suggestion, that special effort be made throughout the Conference for some *concert of action in church work*, in all parts of the county."

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE.

(No Report.)

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE.

This Conference embraces sixteen churches. The earnest efforts that have been made to supply these with pastors have been successful; and their condition is much better than in former years, ten churches now having pastors, and six, ministers employed for the year, while none are vacant. Very naturally, this has been attended by an increase in the congregations. A new church has been organized at *Mill-river*, a large congregation gathered, a meeting-house built and paid for, and a pastor installed.

The *out-districts* have generally been cared for. In many of them branch Sunday-schools and preaching services are regularly held, with encouraging results. *South Lee*, which a few years ago was but an outpost of a

neighboring church, now enjoys the services of a Congregational minister, sustained by the people. *Glendale*, also, now has regular preaching as well as a Sabbath-school. It may well be inferred, say the Committee, in view of the particulars which they give, that we have not abandoned "Home Evangelization, but have pursued it with as much vigor as in any former year. We believe in the work as important and practicable." "In comparing the efforts now made for the out-stations with what was done for them before our Home Evangelization movement began, it is manifest that a decided gain has been made. We have only to renew our strength by waiting upon the Lord and to practise the blessed doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints, and we shall reap in due season."

The general moral condition of the people remains without material change. Secret organizations for the promotion of Temperance have generally been given up, as not adapted to interest the members permanently.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Of the twenty-one churches of this Conference, only fourteen have settled pastors; and yet this is a little better than their record of last year. Three others have stated preachers; and the remaining four are supplied with transient preachers.

"Usual outward prosperity has been granted to the churches, and the Master has given them many very precious testimonials of his goodness." "Large numbers," however, "in all these towns habitually neglect the sanctuary, and many of the children and youth are not brought into the Sabbath-school. It is to be feared that they receive very little religious instruction anywhere." "In some of the churches there appears a laxity of discipline that indicates a lack of love for our holy cause." "It is written, Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him."

"We are happy to note a commendable abiding by the principles of Temperance; and, as we believe, a growing conviction that the traffic in ardent spirits should be wholly suppressed."

Houses of worship have been repaired and beautified, and a new one has been dedicated at *West Warren*.

Several churches make grateful mention of refreshings from on high; and have received considerable additions.

Out-districts are generally looked after with a good degree of care.

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

(No Report.)

"The Committee have tabulated and printed such portions of the annual returns of the churches as seem most desirable, to be circulated among the membership at large, who cannot be expected to be present at the semi-annual meetings. From the narratives of several pastors the following additional notes are extracted."

North Beverly speaks of a great lack of union — union of sentiment and affection — and many obstacles in the way of the success of the gospel. *Dane Street Church, Beverly*, reports energy in all that pertains to Christian work in the spirit of union. *Washington Street Church, Beverly*, reports a slowness on the part of persons hopefully converted to unite themselves with the church. Quite a number of such, however, have joined during the past year. The Sabbath-school flourishes as never before. *Boxford* finds only about one stranger a year to be looked after, little poverty and no criminals, and but few habitual liquor drinkers in town. Much is done in visiting the sick and in thoughtful sympathy with all who are distressed. Christ's kingdom seems to have gained in the hearts of the people. The *First Church*, Danvers, reports fewer additions than in any of the eight years past. The meeting-house has been further improved since last year. *Georgetown* testifies to a decided gain in Temperance. *West Gloucester* mentions an increase of religious interest in the Winter and Spring of 1870, which did not result, however, in any decided conversions at the time. *Lynn* has been the scene of considerable excitement on controversies relating to the Moral Perils of Shoe Factories, and there have been some promising movements in regard to the City Missionary work — yet waiting to be commenced, — and in regard to Temperance, as a concern for the churches to take united hold of. A series of meetings has also been held in several churches under the direction of a committee of pastors of Evangelical denominations, to discuss the interests of workingmen from a moral and Christian point of view. The conviction of impartial observers seems to be, that after the excitement generated by personal conflicts shall have had time to subside, permanent good will be found to have resulted, in an increased watchfulness for the moral and religious welfare of our operatives.

The out-post at *Tower Hill*, which has been under the care of the First Church in Lynn for some fourteen years, and where a great deal of labor and money have been expended, is not, at present, in an encouraging condition. The neighborhood is increasing in population, and able to do much toward sustaining a church; but the incomers are not Congregationalists. A Congregational enterprise can hardly be built up there without outside help — and it is a question whether it is wise to grant this, under all the circumstances.

Manchester reports several hundred Romanists who hold no public worship, and for whom little is done; other foreigners also, whom it is hoped to reach this summer by a Branch school. *Marblehead, Third Church*, reports that lectures by the pastor on Spiritism have led to the disband-

ing of a progressive lyceum, and the giving up the Spiritist meetings. Intemperance increases. Neglecters are sought after by pastoral visitation. *Middleton* reports that during the Spring and Summer, unusual religious interest prevailed, which, besides twelve or fourteen conversions, resulted in deepening the religious sentiment of the whole community. Attempts are made to reach neglecters by pastoral visitation, and social meetings in different parts of the town. "Those who love the Lord Jesus have much occasion for gratitude in reviewing the year." *Rockport* continues to carry on work in her two out-districts. Neglecters of worship are reached to some extent by visiting.

The *revival* in the *South Church, Salem*, occurred in connection with a union effort of four churches, and the labors of Rev. Mr. Earle, at the commencement. Some hundred souls, in all, obtained hope — thirty in the South church, mostly heads of families and young men, who are now, without exception, earnest, efficient workers. One of the week-day meetings (the other being occupied with a lecture by the pastor) is mentioned as "the Brethren's Meeting," conducted by members of the church in alphabetical order, thirty of whom have pledged themselves to share in the work. The topic chosen by the leader is announced beforehand, and there is speaking to the point.

The *Tabernacle Church, Salem*, beside the meetings ordinarily sustained in the other churches, holds two afternoon meetings of young ladies, with the pastor's wife; also a monthly mothers' meeting. We "keep trying to improve on our social meetings," the report continues — "do not let them get into ruts." "In this and other respects we make as little discrimination as possible between church-members and non-church-members, thinking that an artificial gulf often exists, which it is better to bridge over. While in our view the church must be the nucleus of all organized Christian activity, it is best to have all enlisted that can be, whether they belong to the church or not. The state of religion has been, for the most part, very healthful and encouraging, especially among the young men and young women."

Saugus, and also *Topsfield*, report the general state of Religion as low, and intemperance as troublesome.

Of nineteen churches reporting their charities, *not one* gave to Theological Seminaries, or to the Congregational Union; only seven to the Bible Society, and only nine to the Education Society. The committee believe that a thoughtful comparative analysis of the table of charities in this year's report might result in a decided and well apportioned increase of the sacrifices of benevolence, with which, it is written, God is well pleased.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Most of the twenty-eight churches of this Conference remain in the same condition as last year. One, however, in *Heath*, has had preaching for but

few Sabbaths; and two or three others for only a part of the time. A number are without settled pastors; but some of these have enjoyed the services of the same preacher for a number of years.

The church in *Charlemont* has adopted the principle of *free seats*. The *Second Church in Greenfield* has dedicated its new and beautiful house of worship (costing, all told, about $60,000,) and has received considerable additions to its membership. In *Montague*, there has been a most interesting and powerful work of grace. Seventy-five hopeful conversions are reported; forty-five additions already to the church — some of whom have been Roman Catholics. In *Orange*, also, it has been found necessary to add sixty pews to their meeting-house. *Shelburne* has received a new pastor. A work of grace has been enjoyed at *Shelburne*, *South Deerfield* and *Shelburne Falls*. At *Miller's Falls*, where a manufacturing village is springing up, a new enterprise is on foot, which is expected to grow into a church; and the same result is looked for at *Montague City*. The Sabbath-schools in *Buckland* and in *Shelburne* are worthy of special mention as embracing nearly the whole congregation.

The pastors of this Conference now "no more think of neglecting the *out-districts* under their care" than their Sunday-schools; and in this they have the cooperation of their churches. "Our out-districts are all in-districts."

On the whole, the churches have enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. "What is lost in one locality, by the changes of population, is gained in another." The Temperance cause holds its ground.

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

The reports of this Conference are made out in the Fall. The Committee open their last regular narrative with the following preface:

According to the programme of exercises for the Conference, "Written Reports" were requested of the churches in conformity with the prime objects of the Conference; viz., our better mutual acquaintance as churches, through the knowledge of each other's welfare and mutual consultation with regard to the common interests and Christian work belonging to our Redeemer's kingdom. It is desired that these reports shall furnish the basis of our church history from year to year, something as the gospel of the "Acts of the Apostles" recorded the church history of the primitive times.

It is desirable that our church members, who cannot attend the annual meetings of the Conference, should be informed of any facts that concern the general welfare and fellowship of the churches, that "whether one member suffer all the members may suffer with it, or one member be honored, all the members may rejoice with it"; that we may learn how "to bear one another's burdens," and to cooperate more heartily and efficiently in our Christian work throughout the country, "considering one another to provoke unto love and good works."

Such reports, carefully prepared and digested, will also be valuable for future reference and comparison. As these objects were not fully understood, the reports from the churches for this year were incomplete. Several were made orally, and while containing facts of interest and importance, it was impossible to preserve them with accuracy as thus reported.

Of the thirty-six churches belonging to the Conference, twenty-one made written reports.

We have room here for but brief extracts from these statements:

The *Second Church in Chicopee* reports a *revival*. "From about the time of our last Conference meeting, an increasing activity in our church work was apparent, which continued steadily through the Winter and Spring. It showed itself in our social meetings, in general Christian labors, and in conversions to Christ.

"Our social meetings became more familiar and earnest, and their exercises were shared by a larger number of the attendants, of both sexes. A young people's weekly meeting, conducted by themselves, was soon established, which is still in vigorous life. A deeper and broader feeling of Christian responsibility is rooting itself in the church." "We have a band of young Christian workers coming on with excellent promise. The church has received twelve additions, of whom one was by letter and eleven on profession. Of those thus received on profession, six were heads of families, and two only were youths."

"*Bible Service*" *abandoned.* — "After trying for a year and a half the plan of an afternoon Bible service, attended by the pastor, the experiment was not regarded as a success, and the congregation has returned to the former custom, of the afternoon sermon. The numbers attending public worship under these different arrangements, are about the same, with us. The attendance on the Sunday-school is less of late, than formerly. But so is the number of our families, on account of the removal of an unusual portion of them, within the last year and a half, from the village."

Change in Mode of Admission.—"The church, by a unanimous vote, has modified its form of admitting members on profession, retaining its former articles of faith, in the new Manual, as showing our doctrinal basis unchanged, but no longer requiring an unqualified acceptance of it on the part of candidates; a briefer and more devotional form of confession having been substituted for public use and acknowledgment."

The following narrative is worthy of thoughtful perusal. It is full of suggestion and encouragement. If all our pastors could but settle down to their work with a feeling of *permanence*, steadfast in one well considered system of methods, year upon year, fully proving what virtue there is in a continuance in well doing, what could hinder like results in most of the parishes now so enfeebled by emigration?

A Rural Parish.—The church in *Longmeadow* report: "Our church has held its own under the disadvantages of emigration and depletion it has

suffered in common with many country churches. The increasing distaste for agriculture has of late years led our young men to forsake the old homesteads, and the rising prosperity and attractiveness of Springfield have almost wholly absorbed our manufacturing interests, taking away the youthful and enterprising element that once contributed so much of vigor and hope. As the fathers pass away, new occupants seldom take the position and interest in church affairs that characterized the old inhabitants who were 'to the manner born.' But notwithstanding our losses by death and emigration, we still have a remarkably homogeneous and united people. Our field is small and definite and left wholly to our care.

"As a church we are learning how to cultivate it better. More care is given to the early religious training of children, than in former years. They are oftener brought into the full membership of the church. Our young people's meeting has greatly advanced during the past year in numbers, interest and efficiency.

"Our household prayer-meetings have become established as a practical and delightful means of Christian acquaintance and fellowship and of reaching some who keep aloof from the stated forms of worship. We have been gaining upon the old stiffness and formality in the weekly prayer-meeting. Our Sabbath-school is becoming more thorough in instruction.

"Our Christian work is becoming recognized as steady work rather than the occasional blazing up of short-lived and spasmodic feeling. There is still a great lack of real Christian acquaintance and mutual love — but we are gaining on it. Still a lack, also, of personal searching of the Scriptures, especially among the adult members, few of whom come into the Sabbath-school. But we hope to gain on this.

"Our Benevolent Association is going on as it has for thirty years, gathering in our charitable contributions by male and female collectors who go their monthly rounds. It has much more than held its own, considering the number who have left us. We have just dispatched a valuable box to a Home Missionary, and its preparation has blessed us as a work of sympathy and love.

"A fine piano has been purchased for our Chapel. The parsonage has been thoroughly repaired. Our church music has been revived and improved. We have inaugurated praise-meetings and Congregational singing, in part. We observe the week of Prayer, and have our Sabbath-school Concert in connection with a Bible Service on Sabbath afternoon, once a month, in place of the usual service. We have in our Parish 137 families, of whom 104 are American and 33 foreign. Of the American families 90 per cent. are represented by more or less of their members at the public worship on the Sabbath. During the past year there have been eight admitted to the church, six by profession, five dismissed, and three baptized."

Weekly Contributions. — The First Church in *Springfield* report: "The grace of giving has received new attention, and the change of our method has shown a new field for its growth. The fact that giving is so little done on Scriptural principles, led the church to vote, in the beginning

of the year, to take a collection in the congregation every Lord's Day morning as a part of the service. This vote went into effect February 1st. The open collection was ordered to be divided *pro rata* among different objects approved by the church, and every inclosed contribution applied according to its direction. The result has been very satisfactory, as showing its agreement with the principles of grace. The enlargement of this idea into a part of the regular service of worship — the universal invitation, by an act to remember the Lord Jesus — the connection of this act with His offering of Himself for us, have been happy results upon the minds and hearts of many in the congregation. It is salutary too in training the young to daily and personal remembrance of their obligation to the Lord for all temporal blessings."

Comparison of the Systems. — "The report for the year now made, from October to October, enables us to compare fairly the old and the new system. The whole amount given, excluding the Bible service collection, is $2,501.09. Our former method was, to take up for a specific object, every third Sabbath in the month, and for extra objects at other times. And so there would often be a collection every Sabbath for some distinct object. Our present method, is a collection, of the nature of a thank-offering to God, every Sabbath morning. From October 1, 1869, to February 1, 1870, the first third of the year, the amount was $636.85. The second third, from February 1st to June 1st, $1,079.35. June 1st to October 1st, $784.89.

"These figures are strong facts, when we consider that the action was not unanimous in the church, and that some of the congregation have had no share in the offering, upon principle.

"Another way in which we have found peculiar blessing, has been in the Home Concert of prayer."

Neighborly Fellowship of Churches. — "During a portion of the year, we have sent brethren to visit sister churches, and report what God is doing among them. The cultivation of this fellowship has been profitable to them and to us. In large part the general success of the Kingdom of Christ in our county will be increased by fulfilling this duty of the churches, their fellowship and mutual growth. It is a principle of our polity which has been widely neglected, and yet contains the secret of our strength."

"*Hope Chapel.*" — The *South Church in Springfield* report: "With us the most important Christian enterprise of the year has been the erection of "*Hope Chapel.*" Five years ago, two of our young men started a Sabbath-school in a private house, and finding themselves no longer accommodated, they purchased a barn, knocked out the stalls, put it in a decent condition, and put their school in there. Here it prospered, and proving a blessing to the neighborhood, which is remote from any church, the funds were readily raised for the erection of this Chapel. It has a convenient and tasteful interior, being handsomely frescoed, with considerable letter-

ing, and cost thirty-five hundred dollars. The Sabbath-school is flourishing, with a regular attendance already of one hundred and twenty-five. Religious services of some kind are held there every Sabbath evening, and it promises to be a great blessing to that part of the city, if not to become the germ of another church."

Revival. — The *Olivet Church, Springfield,* report: "The year has been one of many blessings, and of some progress. The attendance in the sanctuary and in the social prayer-meetings has been good; the church has grown stronger, 'built up in the most holy faith,' and led by the Holy Ghost.

"During the Winter and Spring the church was greatly revived, and souls were converted. In one Sabbath-school class, five young men; in another class, three young ladies; and other classes, some one or more. Some of them have united with the church; others are intending to unite in due time.

Vigor. — "The Bible service has been of increasing interest and profit. The ladies of the church have been earnest and faithful. They have sustained their prayer-meeting well. They began the temperance movement; secured one hundred and seventeen names to a call and pledge, laying both before the church. In response, the Springfield Temperance Union was formed, which has held several meetings of increasing interest and power. Some noble men have been reclaimed, and now stand firm in the grace and strength of Christ.

"In benevolence, the church and congregation have increased nearly fourfold in three years — 1867, $337.40; 1868, $835.13; 1869, $1,139.12. Besides, the people have procured a new bell, at an expense of between five and six hundred dollars, and a new organ costing $3,700. The Monthly Concert and the Home Concert have been sustained fully by the brethren,— some twenty or more reporting from the various missions and missionary stations."

Revival. — The Church in *South Wilbraham* report: "At the communion service in December, a lady who had been restored from a dangerous illness united with the church on profession of faith, and her two children were baptized. Soon after this, indications of unusual religious interest appeared among the members of the Sabbath-school. Apparently there was not much increase of fervor among the members of the church at large. A few, however, seemed earnest for a revival, and were unusually animated and encouraged by the tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence among the young, and were very punctual in attending the usual social meetings.

"A young people's prayer and inquiry meeting was commenced at the parsonage, at which five persons were at first present. The number increased to some forty. Thirty-five of them requested prayers. Their conviction of sin was generally pungent, their feelings tender, and the interest

of a quiet, undemonstrative, abiding kind. There was a marked punctuality and persistency in attending these meetings, held for a period twice a week, and frequently the nights were dark and stormy. Freedom in speaking and readiness in taking part in meetings, among some very young people, was a pleasing characteristic. Those who were the most punctual and took the most pains to be present, soon found peace, and appeared cheerful, feeling that they had been forgiven and had found acceptance with the Saviour. At a Sabbath-school Concert about this time, some twenty-five persons rose at once to express their desire to become Christians, and to solicit the prayers of God's people. About twenty gave pleasing evidence of having met with a change of heart, among them some members of the Academy having homes in other places. The readiness of such as resided among us to express their desire for union with the church and the privileges of the Lord's table, was very gratifying.

"Since the beginning of this interest, a young people's prayer-meeting has been sustained, once a week, and the perseverance and punctuality of those who have attended, has been very encouraging. Their views have been enlarged, and those who have exercised their gifts have evidently grown in grace and obtained a growing facility in the power of expression."

The Home Evangelization Committee, which acts under instructions from the "Benevolent Association," (a kind of County Home Missionary Society,) appropriated $940 in aid of six feeble churches. This plan meets with cordial approval.

General Condition of the Churches. — "The rest of our churches are not only self-supporting, but as a whole, are gaining in numbers, and strength, and benevolence. We have now thirty-six in all, and almost all of them have pastors, or stated supplies. Within twenty years, their membership has increased more than one quarter — their annual additions more than one third — the members of their Sabbath-schools more than doubled, while their charities have increased in a still greater proportion."

Wisdom of Home Missionary Aid. — "Churches which once received aid from the Home Missionary Society, like North Wilbraham, South Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Indian Orchard, Chicopee Falls, Huntington, Chester Factories, and Feeding Hills, are not only sustaining their own religious institutions, but they are helping sustain others, and engaged with us in all home and foreign work. This is the fruit of wise sowing in former years. The wisdom and Christian kindness of our churches in looking after their struggling brethren, repays them thus. They have so many more to aid them, and so much more ability with which to aid, in carrying forward all Christian work. It is the plainest dictate of wisdom, as well as the prompting of Christian love, to sustain and encourage all such feeble churches."

Need of Fraternal Encouragement. — "And they sometimes need *encouragement*, quite as much as they need pecuniary aid. A church is small, finds it difficult to sustain a minister and has no great ability with which to

do anything. The population of the town is diminishing, and the young people are leaving, and the loss of a single member, by removal or death, is felt to be a great calamity. The few who remain, and who have long borne a heavy burden, now that it is to be increased, lose heart and hope. And if they lose their minister and are obliged to find another, and especially if they are obliged to pay him a somewhat larger salary, as is very likely to be the case, and if, moreover, the church must be repaired, and perhaps the parsonage also, they are in utter despair. But let a little aid be furnished them about their repairs, or towards the minister's salary; let them be aided in finding a minister, and encouraged to give him a better support; let them be shown the capabilities of their parish, and urged to a better cultivation of the field; let them see that their condition is not a peculiar one, but only the counterpart of so many others, that have been blessed of God, and built up; and especially let them be assured of the sympathy of their brethren, and of their readiness to help them bear their burden; and we may have saved that church. Those good but dispirited souls take courage, and assume a heavier burden, and undertake more Christian work, and God rewards them for it, and builds them up, until they are not only self-supporting, but able to return the kindness to others, and to help about all Christian work. This is the history of so many churches, that our feeble churches do well to remember it, and take encouragement from it, while the rest of us would be foolish indeed, not to sympathize with and help every such struggling church."

HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

To the churces of the Hampshire Conference, (embracing all of Hampshire County, west of the Connecticut River, except Hatfield and Middlefield,) the past year has been a year of blessing.

Early in November, at a Christian Convention held in Williamsburg, there were manifest tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence. A revival was then reported in progress at *Worthington*, and the work went on until fifty or more were hopefully converted; and thus one of the larger churches among the hill towns has been greatly strengthened. Many who attended the Convention carried home the spirit of the meeting with them, and almost immediately in several other parishes there began to be conversions.

In *Florence*, a large village in the town of Northampton, where a few years ago the "Free Religionists" held almost entire control, there was in the course of two or three months, a quiet yet powerful work of grace, which has reached young and old, and has brought even scoffers upon their knees. Not less than fifty or sixty have indulged the Christian hope. The *Second Church in Huntington* has also experienced a precious revival, which has brought in many heads of families and made the Gospel a new power in that community. The *First Church in Williamsburg* has been greatly refreshed, and about thirty, mostly among the young, have been hopefully converted. In the *Haydenville* church, the religious interest has been quiet

and deep. All through the Winter and Spring the meetings have been well attended, and scarcely a week has passed without one or more conversions. In the village of *Leeds*, — connected with the Haydenville Parish, though having a Chapel of their own, — a few faithful workers have been reaping a rich harvest. In the two villages last named, there have been not less than sixty or seventy hopeful conversions, of whom forty have already joined the church. The young men of *Northampton* have been busy at the "Bay State" and at Hospital Hill, where a beautiful Chapel has just been completed, and in those union efforts many have found the Saviour. Other towns have received some measure of blessing, and the feeling has many times found expression, that this is one of the years of the right hand of the Most High.

The churches, with hardly an exception, are supplied with ministers, and in general are more than maintaining their ground. The *Edwards* church, in *Northampton*, whose house was destroyed by fire, are bringing towards completion a beautiful edifice which will be an appropriate home for them. The Conference, which has been sleeping for the past four years, has just been revived, and an excellent meeting was lately held with the church in Southampton.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.

Returns have been received from fourteen of the nineteen churches of this Conference. Some of them report unusual efforts for the promotion of church fellowship, and also a marked advance in the amount of church activity; though in the majority there has been no change. Many church members "are still neglectful and unbelieving as respects the duty of the baptismal consecration of their children." Sunday Schools are almost universally prosperous; in one church the afternoon is given up to it. No general or powerful revivals are reported for the year 1870, but churches were quickened and refreshed and souls converted.

The churches have been mindful of their duty to out-districts. From one, we hear, "the pastor preaches there a great deal; prayer meetings are held, and tracts systematically distributed." In another, "all the families receive pastoral calls; several persons have recently indulged a hope, others are coming to church." In a third, a meeting is regularly held every Sabbath evening; two persons have recently expressed a hope, though the mass remain uninterested. A region is reported, however, as demanding a measure and kind of work that the neighboring pastors are unable to give. This is one of the instances in which the aid of a lay-helper, or of a "County Assistant," would be most appropriate. Without some such instrumentality, it is hard to see how the district in question is to be effectually reached.

Intemperance prevails in some places to a considerable extent, and there is little activity anywhere for its removal.

MENDON CONFERENCE.

(The reports from this Conference indicate no important changes, and we omit, for this year, to give them room here.)

MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE.

(No report.)

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.

(No report.)

NORFOLK CONFERENCE.

Reports have been received from twenty-two of the twenty-nine churches of this Conference. From these and the statement of the Local Committee we make the following extracts:

Abington, First Church. An addition has been made to the house of worship. All pew-rents have been abolished, and the Treasury is mostly supplied by weekly collections. One Sabbath evening in a month is devoted to the cause of Temperance.

Two Roman Catholic missionaries have been securing Temperance pledges among the population of their own faith, and are reported to have obtained five hundred; as a consequence Thanksgiving day and Christmas passed off with unwonted stillness. *Abington, Second Church.* Infant baptism practically ignored. Nothing done in out-districts. The state of religion low. No pastor. *East Abington*, also, is still without a pastor. *North Abington.* "Mixed up with Second Adventists, Annihilationists, Spiritists, Nothingists." The Sabbath desecrated. Infant baptism neglected. The church in a cold state. The present Temperance law works badly.

From *Beechwood*—recently an out-district—we hear good accounts. Debts have been paid; the church is gaining, and the general aspect is hopeful. The pastor reports, however, that a more stringent Temperance law is needed. The church in *Easton* has been holding meetings in out-districts with good results. A similar report comes from the *Porter church, North Bridgewater*, from *Campello, South Weymouth*, and *Sharon.*

Hyde Park. Special pains are taken to interest the young people, to promote social intercourse, to pay suitable courtesy to strangers and new comers, and to engage and assist Sunday School teachers in their work. "By the Rules of the Church and Sabbath School, the school is accounted an organization of the church for the promotion of the study of the Word of God, and not a body separate from the church. The recognition of this relation has proved highly beneficial. The school is prosperous and increasing."

"It is believed that the Prohibitory law would be better than the present."

The church has raised about $9,500 — nearly the whole as a "jubilee contribution" — for paying off a debt.

Campello. "The first week of the year was observed, in concert with churches in different parts of the world, as a season of special religious service. Sermons were preached by neighboring clergymen four evenings in the week, and a union meeting, in which the different churches in the town

were represented, was held one afternoon. These meetings were very well attended, were deeply interesting at the time, and it is believed were not wholly unprofitable in their results. Our Fellowship meetings have been held in the week following the communion. They have been pleasant seasons of Christian intercourse, and, as we believe, have been blessed spiritually to those who have attended. During the warm season our Superintendent, and a few others, have maintained a Sabbath-school within the limits of an adjoining town, in a neighborhood where very few persons are attendants upon the worship of the sanctuary. The labors of these brethren were very cordially received, and from thirty to fifty persons became members of this school. Although four miles away from us, the school was held every Sabbath until the approach of cold weather, when it was thought best to close for the Winter. The school was started at the request of an unknown individual who did not himself attend, and it is hoped that through his instrumentality a good work was done.

Stoughton. This church is now making trial of the "Bible Service," which seems to give general satisfaction — though not universal. Fellowship meetings are held in connection with the Preparatory lecture. A Neighborhood meeting has been recently established about two and a half miles from the centre of the town, and has secured a good attendance. The weekly prayer meeting has, for the time, gained new interest from the adoption of the following *method:*

"The pastor previously designates two brethren, who are to select a topic or passage of scripture for the next week, and prepare themselves to speak on it at the opening of the meeting. They notify the pastor, on or before the next Sabbath, what the topic or text is, and he mentions it from the pulpit. The people are thus informed of the subject, and can prepare themselves accordingly, if they wish to take part in the meeting. The pastor occupies the *close* rather than the *opening* of the meeting; and thus the brethren feel that they have a chance to say something before the pastor has gone over all the ground. As a temporary change in the way of conducting our prayer meetings, it seems to work very satisfactorily."

"There has been but *one* case of infant baptism, though the duty, as well as the privilege, of Christian parents to consecrate their children to the Lord in the Abrahamic covenant is urged.

"The substitution of a 'Bible Service' in the afternoon allows more variety and interest in the exercises of the Sunday School. The members, old and young, all unite in offering the Lord's Prayer, and in responsive reading of the scriptures, making use of Mrs. Perry's 'Bible Manual,' which we find very admirably arranged for this purpose. The pastor has a class in the Sunday School, and also occupies ten minutes or more in addressing the whole school on some topic connected with the lesson. We are using 'The Mimpriss System' of graded lessons on the Life of Christ, harmonized from the four Evangelists, and find it an excellent text book.

"Intemperance has prevailed to a great and alarming extent among us during the past year. There is no active Temperance organization in the

place. The existing law is not useful in suppressing the dram-shops which are such a curse to any community. *Three* murders have been committed during the past year, one by negroes, and two by Irishmen."

"Little gain has been manifest in the cause of morals or the kingdom of Christ for the last year. The call of God, 'Go work in my vineyard,' is urgent, but the response is feeble. The work is great, but the laborers are few. The direction of Christ to his disciples is still applicable: 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth *laborers* into his harvest.'"

Weymouth. The *Second Church* has enjoyed a quiet work of Divine grace. The *Union Church* has raised about $30,000 for a new house of worship. The church at *East Weymouth* is reaping the reward of the devoted efforts of its recent pastor, at Lovell's Corner, in witnessing an organized and succesful effort among the people of that vicinity to supply themselves with regular preaching.

The Committee of the Conference observe in conclusion: "From the reports and statistics which have been sent in, it appears that the outward prosperity of our churches has not differed much from that of last year. The charitable contributions have been somewhat larger. The attendance on public worship is about the same. Interest in and labor for our Sabbath-schools seem to be on the increase. A little more attention has been given to Christian fellowship. There is but little encouraging in the cause of Temperance and public morals. Few additions have been made to our church membership. The number of converts reported is very small."

OLD COLONY CONFERENCE.

Reports have been received from nine of the fourteen churches of this Conference. From these the statistical returns are nearly complete. The number of neglecting families in the several parishes varies from five to forty-nine; and the number of individual neglecters, from fifteen to one hundred and seventy-four. The number of neglecters brought to church, from ten to fifteen; and the number brought to Sunday-school falls between the same limits, though the extremes are in different churches. The reports of expenses and charities are full.

For two months, union meetings, for preaching and for conference, were held in the different churches of the city of New Bedford, and did much good in strengthening the feeling of brotherhood among Evangelical Christians of different denominations.

In the *Pacific church, New Bedford*, the "Jubilee effort" was turned towards the establishment of a building fund for a new meeting-house, in a locality where more may be done toward the evangelization of the city. The church holds a "Bible service" on Sabbath morning, which has increased in interest and value.

In connection with the Union meetings above mentioned, a deep and prevailing religious interest was developed among the young people. The church was a good deal awakened, and numbers who for years had kept

away from the prayer meetings began again to attend. The Ladies' prayer meeting was greatly blessed, and became a power in the church. Christian women were alive for every good work, and especially for prayer. In the judgment of the committee more good was done in this Ladies' meeting, than by all the public speaking and praying by women — and there was considerable — in the Union meetings.

The Pacific church has held the Fellowship meeting once a quarter; and has, by rule, established this as one of its permanent institutions. A "Committee on strangers," consisting of four men and three women, have done good service in welcoming new-comers to church and visiting them at their homes.

The church in *Fairhaven* is in an encouraging condition — its prayer meetings full, and a gratifying religious interest at its outpost, *Naskatucket*, where there were about twelve hopeful conversions. There is no dram shop in the place. The general moral condition is good. There has been a gain in all directions.

From the church at *Acushnet* — of twenty-six members — we hear that "church fellowship has been promoted by a monthly Christian sociable." There has been more giving and better attendance.

In connection with the Branch Sunday School, evening meetings have been occasionally held, and a decided gain, in every respect, is visible in the community.

The church in *Westport* — thirty-one members — has been stirred up by its pastor to rebuild the steeple of the meeting house. The observance of the week of prayer, was followed by good results. Services have been held in out-districts; but the difficulty of effectually impressing them is very great. In certain localities morals are at a low ebb; hundreds pursue their accustomed work on the Sabbath; parents unblushingly defy the laws of God and of the State, and the wonder is, that things being so bad they are not much worse.

From *South Dartmouth*, we hear that the children have nearly all been gathered into the Sunday School — which now takes the place of the forenoon service — the preaching coming in the afternoon and evening. In the evening all seats are free, and many attend then who are rarely, if ever, seen at other times. The pastor regards the substitution of the Sunday School for the morning service a success. There have been six hopeful conversions.

At *Marion* the church, few in numbers, is earnestly striving, not without encouragements. The Fellowship meeting has been greatly enjoyed. On the whole, there has been some progress.

At *North Rochester*, the church, which is very feeble, reports a small gain in membership, and an increased respect for public worship. The people are scattered, and the church does not sustain a prayer meeting. The young people come out in good numbers on Sunday evenings, but only one voice, besides those of the pastor and the singers, is heard in any of the meetings. The pastor preaches twice on the Sabbath, and holds a Bible class during

the week — when any attend. The Communion is celebrated, in accordance with long established custom, four times a year. The law prevents the the sale of drink. There is little intemperance or crime, and little religious life or growth.

In New Bedford, the "*open sale of liquor* has been completely stopped. As a consequence, crime has much diminished, and the morals of the city improved."

"On the whole, the churches of this Conference are on a better footing than they have been for several years. Nine out of the fourteen churches have now settled pastors, and two of the remaining five have stated preachers. There is promise of more aggressive work hereafter, and so, of a brighter day for Zion."

PILGRIM CONFERENCE.

Of the fifteen churches in this Conference, ten have furnished reports. It embraces one church more than last year. The majority are small and weak; most of the territory which they occupy suffering from emigration. Four churches only have pastors; six, acting pastors; leaving five without a resident ministry. Six report small gains, and six, losses; leaving the membership almost exactly the same. Three make mention of seven hopeful conversions.

The following brief notes respecting a portion of the churches, may be taken as indicative of the general condition of others also:

In *Carver*, (*North*,) "the people are, to quite an extent, a church going people"; are "stable, and love the gospel." District meetings have been useful. The general condition is hopeful. Three neglecters have been induced to attend church, and four, the Sunday School.

In *Duxbury*, the church, originally organized in the Wesleyan Methodist connection, having for a number of years been upon most friendly terms of intercourse with the neighboring Congregational churches, has within the past year, by unanimous vote, formally joined their communion. The best state of feeling prevails. Evening meetings have been crowded with young people. A few have, it is believed, entered upon the Christian life. The cause of Temperance is receiving fresh attention, with prospects of good. The parsonage has been improved. A new hymn book is promoting Congregational singing. The general aspect is encouraging.

From *Marshfield, First church*, we learn that the pastor's salary has been slightly increased; the Neighborhood meetings keep up their interest and usefulness, and some successful efforts have been directed toward the multitude of visitors that flock in the Summer to the shore.

In the *North Parish* "meetings are held as often as possible in an out-district, and the attendance is good — few of the families thus reached being members of the principal congregation." Intemperance is a crying sin.

The *Church of the Pilgrimage, in Plymouth*, holds a Fellowship meeting

once a month; reports a good degree of activity, with some special interest; the general state of religion good, and an apparent improvement in the moral and religious interests of the community. An effort is in progress "to place things in the church on a better basis." From *another church* we hear, "Nothing done to promote Christian acquaintance. Not a working church. No revival — though three hopeful conversions. Religion low. Out-districts in a most deplorable condition; yet little intemperance, unless among the colored people and the Irish. No pastor."

The towns within the borders of this Conference have a poor soil, and most of them suffer from emigration. Many years ago, the churches were reduced in pecuniary strength by the Unitarian separation, and most are financially feeble. Naturally, there has often been a lack of enterprise and of hope; ministerial salaries have not increased as elsewhere; churches have been without settled pastors; the borders have not always been carefully tended; in some places the moral tone has not been fully maintained, and unbelief and superstition have helped each other, so that lawyers and judges note a difference in the character of juries which they sometimes find in their courts. There is need of an effort to counteract the causes that have been working so unfavorably; and in this, the churches of the Conference have a right to count upon the cordial cooperation of brethren beyond their bounds.

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE.

(No Report.)

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE.

All the churches connected with this Conference have reported. We can make room for only brief extracts from the long and interesting summary of the Committee.

Park Street Church has an "auxiliary" Sunday School in Eliot street, occupying a field having a population of about 4,000, among whom are many Germans. A Chapel has been newly fitted up. Five hopeful conversions have occurred during the year. Prayer meetings are held there on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. A sewing school gathers eighty or a hundred children. Mothers' meetings are held — including some of *German* mothers; and a systematic visitation of their classes is encouraged on the part of the teachers.

Union Church. A junior pastor was installed in December, 1870. The congregation is now worshiping in its new sanctuary. Changes have also been introduced into the Sabbath services. A "Bible Service" is now held on Sunday afternoon, and the evening meetings are designed to interest the church in the following objects — an evening in a month being assigned to each — "Missions, the Sunday-school, Christian Praise, and the conversion of their own people."

Berkeley Street Church. "This church has gained thirty-one members during the year. A system of visitation has been adopted, which promises excellent results. A Superintendent is appointed, by the church, to have charge of the work. Under his guidance the Sunday-school teachers and others call on neglecting families whose children have been added to the school. They also aim, in a systematic way, to become acquainted with new families taking seats in the church. The division of this labor is so minute that no one can worship many Sabbaths with them and remain a stranger. Under the same direction, also, a popular course of lectures, at very low rates of admission, is arranged for next season. Some of the leading lecturers of the country are engaged."

Central Church. This church supports an auxiliary, the Old Colony Sunday-school, on Tyler street. It is an old enterprise, having been established forty-five years, and now has twenty-six teachers; an average attendance of 170 scholars, and a total of 240. Several hopeful conversions have taken place during the year. The exercises of the school are followed immediately by a *children's service*, when the Superintendent and his assistants explain the truth of God to the children in the most familiar ways. A regular preaching service is held in the evening. A Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, a Mothers' prayer-meeting, a Sewing-school, a Teachers' meeting, fortnightly, and a Mothers' Temperance Society, quarterly, are among the many means of good employed. The Superintendent reports a gradual but constant improvement in the spirit and conduct of the children and a growing interest on the part of parents.

Shawmut Church. The total gain in the membership of this church has been forty. "At the May Communion," says the pastor, "as the result of a precious revival, in which the pastor and church were most effectually and sympathizingly aided by Rev. Mr. Plumb, of Chelsea, and Rev. Mr. Means, of Boston Highlands, thirty-four persons were received into the church on confession of their faith." In the Mission Chapel, on the Sabbath, we have a Sunday-school, and a prayer-meeting; and during the week, prayer-meetings, a singing-school, and sewing-school. The "Fellowship meeting" has been a means of acquaintance and comfort to us all. The number of persons that know nobody, in a city congregation, is very large, and the obstacles to social intercourse which such persons encounter, are numerous and forbidding. The Fellowship meeting removes the barriers and opens the way. Children of the same Father, disciples of the same Saviour, come together and clasp hands, exchange Christian salutations, and join in common conversation, and go away strengthened and cheered.

E. Street Church, (South Boston.) The church has gained nineteen members. The parish includes sixty-five neglecting families, which embrace two hundred and fifty souls. Endeavors are made to develop the activity of the entire membership of the church, both male and female. The church hold a monthly social gathering and a bi-monthly church conference; the former for social, the latter, for spiritual acquaintance. Says the pastor, "We sustain a Neighborhood prayer-meeting, and have a Mission Band to

invite children to the Sabbath-school. We have organized a young people's Working Association. It holds a prayer-meeting every Thursday, save the last one of the month. We then have literary or musical exercises, or a social gathering. The present Temperance law operates badly for us, and there is no particular activity in this reform. We need a more stringent law."

Eliot Church, (*Boston Highlands.*) The pastor of this church has been compelled by sickness to seek a brief rest from his labors. "Ninety of its members have been dismissed; nearly all of them having united to form another church in the neighborhood. This is the third church that has gone out from the Eliot church within fourteen or fifteen years. The Superintendent, librarian, and eighteen teachers of the Sabbath-school, with sixty or more scholars, left our school among the ninety. Nevertheless, through the energy of a new Superintendent and others acting with him, scholars were brought in, so that the average attendance for the three months following the departure of this large number, was equal to the average of the school for the nine months preceding."

Dorchester, Second Church. This church has sustained, with some aid from other churches, a Sabbath-school and preaching services at Mattapan. The Neighborhood meetings have been more numerous and better sustained.

Trinity Church, Neponset, Boston. Sixty persons have been brought to church and fifty to Sabbath-school, during the year. There has been five hopeful conversions. The church has gained sixteen members — eight by profession of faith. The Sabbath-school has increased about fifty per cent. and is still growing. Plans are on foot for a systematic effort to reach the whole community, by districting the parish and appointing a sub-pastoral committee. "The beer clause of the liquor law," says the pastor, "is having a very injurious effect on the laboring population. They stay away from the sanctuary to guzzle their drinks all the day long."

Evangelical Church, Brighton. The parish has been divided between twelve visitors, who have called on all the families. General good feeling was increased, if nothing more. Intemperance is widespread, and there are no good results from the existing law.

Harvard Church, Brookline. Notwithstanding the removal of their pastor, the year has been one of activity and success. Pledges to the amount of $50,000 have been secured toward a new church building. Much interest in Congregational singing has been developed, and the experiment of adopting this style of service is entirely successful. The monthly sociables and the church Fellowship meetings have been influential in holding the people together, and developing neighborly and Christian sympathy. "The general state of religion," says an officer of the church, "has improved."

South Church, Dedham. The usual Fellowship meetings are held; also, a Neighborhood prayer-meeting in an outlying district on Saturday evening. Efforts for reaching neglecters are made by holding prayer-meetings, preaching services, and, in the Summer, by open air meetings. Intemperance has greatly increased, and the present law is thought to be the cause. The

church has been recently refreshed with some conversions. Seventy-five neglecters are reported, living in twenty families.

Grantville. "This church has had to contend, from its very birth, with a strong and positive spirit of unbelief, intensely antagonistic to Evangelical doctrines." Among the encouraging signs are an evident growth of church fellowship and a disappearance of old sources of discord. Says the pastor, "We have the material for a grand working church. Not a department of Christian labor but might be well filled. There is to be found in our members the energy and fire of youth and the experience of age. The field is fairly ours."

Second Church, Newton. Occasional Fellowship meetings are held after the communion. The Young Men's Christian Association sustains a course of lectures and social gatherings. There is no special interest in temperance, and the law is void. A youths' temperance organization, under the care of the pastor, flourishes.

Eliot Church, Newton. This church reports twenty-three hopeful conversions and a gain of fifteen members. Occasional Fellowship meetings are held. This church still aids in supporting the church at the "North Village," both pecuniarily and by furnishing Sabbath-school teachers. The results are good, every way. The children of believers are generally baptized, and the pastor meets the children occasionally by themselves. Seven individuals have been brought to church, and forty-five into the Sabbath-school during the year,

North Evangelical Church, Newton. The pastor reports that ninety were brought into the Sunday-school; but that this is no criterion of success, as nearly the whole population changes in the course of the year. Seven conversions are reported. One evil which this church has to fight is intemperance; and reform is thought to be much hindered by the existing law.

Central Church, Newtonville. This church has made a gain of twenty-nine members during the year. There have been six hopeful conversions. Teachers' meetings have been sustained with considerable vigor; and the plan of a uniform lesson has met with great success. Four Sabbaths in the year are called *Children's Sabbaths*, and the exercises of the day are wholly devoted to them.

The naratives of the churches omitted from the foregoing extracts are in general of a gratifying character.

The committee conclude their report with the following *statistical summary.*

1. The *salaries* paid in twenty-nine churches, amount to $75,025. — Average, $2,587.

2. The *Expenditures, additional to salaries*, amount to $62,660.79. — Average, $2,160.70.

3. The *Charities* of twenty-seven churches were, $80,333.04. — Average, $2,975.29.

4. In *eighteen* churches reporting gains and losses, we find a gain of 167 members over all losses.

5. *Ten churches* report an aggregate of 65 hopeful conversions during the year. *Five* churches report having brought 138 neglecters into the sanctuary. *Nine* churches report bringing 425 children into the Sunday-school.

TAUNTON CONFERENCE.

Eleven of the twenty churches in this Conference have sent reports. The number of neglecting families recognized as under their care, varies from five to seventy — of individuals, from thirty to two hundred and fifty, and the number of neglecters brought to church, varies from two to twenty — to Sunday-school, from three to thirty.

The church in *Dighton* reports a revival, and twenty-one additions on profession of faith. The *Second Church in Attleborough*, counts one hundred and seven neglecters in its parish — some of them Americans, clinging to the remembrance of an old quarrel; some, Irish. Two out-districts are supplied with Sunday-schools, and with regular preaching by ministers of various denominations. The young men of the church reach several others, sustaining prayer-meetings wherever there is an opening.

The pastor of the *Winslow Church in Taunton*, reports a branch Sunday-school at Prattville, a small village on the borders of Raynham, maintained, in good part, by teachers from the two principal churches of the city, who "usually walk three miles and back again"; and who also sustain a monthly prayer-meeting. A Sunday evening meeting at the Almshouse has been attended by persons living in the neighborhood, who have filled the room, stairways, and entries, making the number, all told, from two hundred to three hundred and fifty. Several hopeful conversions have taken place. A movement is on foot to secure a chapel. Still another prayer-meeting, a mile and a half further off, has also been maintained the past Winter.

At a manufacturing center on the outskirts, a costly Episcopal meeting-house has been built; but the people prefer the free outflow of the heart in a prayer-meeting, held on Sabbath evenings in a hall.

Much of this Christian activity is led by members of the churches working in a Young Men's Christian Association. The pastor is, however, strongly of the opinion, that "the evangelic work possible and pressing here, will not be done thoroughly until the churches, *as such*, take hold of it as their own bounden duty. Then it will be systematized, harmoniously directed, and fully reported."

"I see," he adds, "the work to be done in our own church, and plans which should be discussed, adopted, and thoroughly carried out; but I have not yet seen the way clear to begin. It is a great and grave problem how the church, as a Christian body, under Christ its head, is to get hold of the world, and hold it still enough and long enough to hear the gospel message and think upon it."

Certain districts within the limits of this Conference have long been notorious for ignorance and moral degradation. A layman, in response to in-

quiries, states, that in one of these districts, a small church (not of our name) was established some time ago, but its influence is feeble. Copies of the Bible and the New Testament were distributed by a neighboring Congregational church, two years ago, to every family. Assistance has been rendered by Christian people in New Bedford and other towns; and within the last ten years, a decided improvement, both intellectual and moral, has taken place.

Of another region, he remarks, "It can hardly be called a 'district' now; for the school house is rotting down, the inhabitants have died or moved away, and the forest is rapidly covering their cleared lands. What was once the rendezvous of the dissipated from New Bedford, Fall River, and Taunton, is so no longer; for the finger of God has wiped out the dark spots, and left in the place the greenness of Spring."

"You can count the families, now, on the fingers of one hand; and the only scholar there attends, in good weather, the Sunday-school in a neighboring town."

WOBURN CONFERENCE.

The report of the Committee of this Conference is as follows:

"The religious work of the Woburn Conference has been prosecuted with a good degree of success. There have been no general revivals; but some of the churches have received quite numerous additions. Two of the societies have completed new houses of worship, and others have signalized the memorial year by reducing their parish debts. The amount of money raised for parish expenses, church building, debts, &c., was not far from $104,229. The sum contributed to the regular objects of benevolence, was not far from $12,000 — the amount given to foreign objects sustaining to that given for home objects the ratio of one to five. The largest sum given to any single society, was that given to the American Board. Three pastors were settled during the year, and but one dismissed. Out of eighteen churches, twelve have no settled pastors.

"This Conference, some years since, took upon itself the task of assisting the feeble churches within its bounds to sustain pastors. For a time, the object was partly secured through the agency of a Conference Committee annually appointed for the purpose; but, difficulties arising, the plan of operations was changed. A Conference *Home Mission Society* was established; and, during the four years of its existence, it has accomplished, in a quiet and effective manner, the object sought in its formation. The fear that formed the chief obstacle to this method of action was, lest funds that would otherwise find their way to the treasury of the general society should be absorbed in supporting our own churches; and thus a work dear to all the churches would suffer. It became, therefore, an object of primary importance to stimulate the benevolence of our churches to such a degree that the flow of money to the general society should be kept undiminished. Different measures for this purpose were devised; one being, the appointment of one of the brethren, each year, who should bring the cause to the attention of all the

churches, either by letter or by preaching on exchange with the pastors; and another being, the holding of anniversary exercises, in connection with the Spring meeting of the Conference.

"The result of this action of the Conference has fully equalled our expectations. The receipts of the society have been for two years past, *more than double* the sum contributed by our churches in many former years to the general society. Four churches have received aid, in sums varying from one hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars annually. During most of the time, for four years, they have all had settled pastors; and it may well be doubted whether one of them could, without this aid, have sustained a pastor. In all these churches there has been a good degree of prosperity, and in two of them revivals have occurred. The Conference itself has received a marked advantage from this work of self-girding. The churches have been drawn together, and a new interest enkindled in each other. So far, therefore, as this experiment has now gone, it is believed to be the sentiment of all the churches, that it is highly successful, and worthy of the attention of our brethren in other Conferences."

WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

"The Home Evangelization movement was early seconded in this body. In some towns, the work has been relaxed. In others it has been prosecuted more energetically. Pastors have generally failed to make the annual returns by schedule. It is not for want of interest in the home work. In several of the towns, a radius of a mile and a half would take in nine tenths of the population. There can hardly be an "out-district" in such a town. One half of the towns, however, have out-districts. The church in *Oxford* maintained, a while, successful efforts. The last year, with no pastor, less has been done. In *Leicester*, the several out-districts are supplied with preaching or Sabbath-schools, or both. The Young Men's Christian Association of *Holden* cares for the several districts in that town quite efficiently. The church in *Rutland* has enjoyed a work of grace which has added to their number some twenty converts, from the age of twelve to seventy years. The out-district of *North Rutland*, where a prayer-meeting has been held weekly, for twenty-five years, shared richly in the work. *Clinton*, of some three thousand inhabitants, though small in territory, has several out-districts, which the Young Men's Christian Association cares for attentively. Out-of-door preaching has been maintained also, and their labors extend into villages of some adjoining towns. The *Union Church in Worcester* holds a Sabbath evening meeting in one of the school districts. The Young Men's Christian Association holds meetings in six or eight of the villages and neighborhoods. The *Plymouth Church, of Worcester*, has not yet secured a pastor, but has purchased a site for a church edifice. The church in *Paxton*, though without a settled pastor, has enjoyed a quickening revival, adding numbers to the church.

"The churches report general prosperity, but a low spiritual condition."

WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE.

Statistical returns have been received from fourteen of the fifteen churches of this Conference — most of them quite full. But the churches appear to have omitted the usual narratives of church work. We are accordingly obliged to make entry at this place of, *No report.*

WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE.

(No Report.)

CONCLUSION.

In taking a general view of the condition of the churches, various encouraging signs appear. It is clear, in the first place, that new efforts are on foot in many of them for the promotion of acquaintance and affection among the members; and also for stimulating activity, and organizing for constant work. From the nature of the case, however, improvement in these things must be gradual, if it is to be permanent. Bodies of people do not readily adopt new habits of life. A sudden advance would be spasmodic and transitory. But there is not a county in the State — upon the main land — in which indications do not appear of the working of new conceptions respecting the duty of churches. The out-districts also have been cared for with a good degree of fidelity. Revivals have been enjoyed in many churches; and others have been greatly strengthened and cheered by the presence of the Comforter.

The recent series of discourses, known as "Boston Lectures," and which are viewed by this Committee as a part of the Home Evangelization work of the State — having originated in action taken by them — were marked, in general, by a high order of ability, and listened to by large and attentive audiences. It is evident that the influence of the first series was both wide and deep; and a similar usefulness is hoped for the second. Would it not be well if in other important centres also the forces of unbelief were met by a solid assault?

Your Committee has also been cheered by signs of progress in other States and denominations; and are glad to know that in some instances, at least, the example of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts has been an encouragement to brethren in regions remote. The most extended and the most hearty "notice" which the System for "Church Work," that we are trying to carry out, has received in any religious newspaper, was given by one of the organs of the Presbyterian church, in New York. This attracted attention in the Middle States and at the West.

In Pennsylvania, the Presbytery of Lackawanna has commissioned a Secretary of Home Evangelization, a man of intelligence and manifest enthusiasm, who has thrown himself with an admirable zeal into the work of

strengthening the feeble churches, stirring up the sleepy ones, and organizing systems of charities and labor. A little book, the counterpart of the one issued by our Publishing Society, but adapted to Presbyterian names and usages, has very recently been published, and is scattered broadcast among their churches. A little newspaper also, has been started at Scranton, specially devoted to the work of stimulating the churches and their members to all manner of labor for the Lord.

The several Christian denominations are to be viewed as so many army corps in one mighty host. The enterprise or constancy of any one is a help to all the rest. We feel admonished to zeal and persistence.

In Connecticut, also, our Congregational brethren appear to be quite up to the line which we occupy, if they are not ahead of us. The churches of that noble State — so great, though small — maintain two vigorous and enthusiastic ministers, who devote most of their time to what is at present known among us as, specifically, the work of "Home Evangelization." "Our aim," says Rev. Mr. Moore, "is to bring up the churches of Connecticut, — aided and self-supporting, — to a higher efficiency in the culture of their own parishes and in their relation to the cause of Christ in the world. We spend very little time in trying to raise money for Home Missions." He adds, "I have had the feeling for years, that there ought to be at least four State Missionaries laboring among the five hundred churches of Massachusetts."

While we have no reason to believe the religious condition of our own State to be inferior to the average of past years, certain of our defects and faults now come out into a prominence, which may well occasion serious reflection.

1. In the first place, your Committee can hardly be mistaken in their belief — which, however, they do not propose to support by proof in detail — that many of the churches do not know their own members — where they are, who they are.

We do not affirm that, in this respect, we have been more careless than others; but it is our conviction, that church lists are altogether too loosely kept, and that the covenant of "watch and care" is not faithfully observed. This neglect is an injury to those members of our churches who are called in Providence to change their residence. Many of them, it is to be feared, are doing dishonor to their Master, which a seasonable reminder from the church that they have left would have prevented. But this neglect reacts with equal injury upon the church itself. It is a trifling with sacred vows; it enfeebles the spiritual tone of the church, and lowers the general estimate of its value. People are not thus careless of membership in money making corporations. They value very highly their right to the dividends. If they put a low estimate upon membership in Christ's body, what does that signify? And what kind of results may this feeling be expected to produce? Of one thing we may be sure, that while it lasts, churches will not, generally, organize for work.

2. But still more largely and sadly is it true that churches do not know what families are properly embraced in their parishes. Many of them are understood to acknowledge this.

But if so, how do they know but that some of these families are suffering from a poverty which will drive them forever from the sanctuary and from God, when timely aid might have bound them to both? How do they know but that some are visited by sickness, and are in sorest need of material or of spiritual help? And how can they be sure that this indifference on the part of the church, will not be the occasion of a permanent alienation from it, both in this world and in the next? And how do they know but that there are children in these families growing up without God, and that some of the families themselves are not hot-beds of error or iniquity? If they do even know the households, for whose religious care they are responsible before God, how can they be sure that his judgment does not impend over themselves for this their neglect?

It is matter of sad notoriety that multitudes of poor people have come to be separated from God's house, and alienated in feeling from the church, because in their affliction they were not visited; that other multitudes of unbelievers have came to be haters and scoffers, because the real warmth of the heart of the church did not reach them in their homes; and that neglected children are daily becoming a peril to the State, as well as a grief to all the good, by reason of a similar lack of timely care. And do we not all of us feel that God's judgment *is on us, today*, because of our neglect of known duty — and that heavier condemnations must descend, if the churches do not awake in earnest?

If there has been, occasionally, a seeming unwillingness, on the part of churches, to take pains to ascertain the families under their care, let no one imagine that this is real. No church has formed any resolution to be ignorant of its proper work; nor are any to be accounted as unwilling to communicate information concerning the progress or methods of this work, to sister churches throughout the State, desiring and requesting their cooperation. The too frequent omission to furnish information so complete as we could wish, can be otherwise explained.

3. In too many churches the members are not yet acquainted as they ought to be, and their intercourse is lacking in the appropriate warmth of Christian fellowship.

4. In many, again, there is still but little individual activity, and no satisfactory study of their work or cooperation in it.

5. While most of our large towns contain *clearly marked classes* of neglecters, it is by no means true that in all of these towns energetic measures are taken to reach them.

These classes are sometimes defined by occupation, sometimes by forms of unbelief. They are often the victims of the absurdest errors or prejudices, which would be sure to yield to wise and kind approaches, made in boldness of faith; and it is painful to think how little the churches are directly doing, and how little they are counseling, in their behalf.

6. Many churches are without pastors, and realize but feebly the importance of permanency in the office; while many are unable to secure pastors without more help than the Home Misssonary Society can now afford to give.

7. Numbers even of our strong churches have, as yet, but very inadequate views and feelings concerning the church; very unworthy conceptions of the power of a church that is really in earnest and organized for work, and very poor habits of church life and labor. The conception of what an American church in this nineteenth century should become, as a household and a working society, has not begun to dawn upon them; and when it does will find heavy mists of prejudice and indolence to disperse, before it can do much to make anything grow.

8. Many Sunday-schools are conducted loosely and feebly, without a sufficiently definite purpose, on the part of Superintendent, teachers, or parents.

9. Churches are by no means making such use as they might of Sacred Song, either as a means of attracting people, or of impressing the truth on their hearts.

10. Nor have our churches more than begun to avail themselves of the sagacity, the tact and zeal of Christian women, who constitute so large a proportion of their membership.

11. Intemperance rests, like a curse, upon the State. Congregational churches are not doing their duty for removing it.

12. There is a vast amount of poverty, sickness, and orphanage, which can best be relieved by the churches; and the churches are doing but little in regard to it.

13. Romanism, growing by continual immigration, is debasing the land. The churches seem apathetic.

14. There are considerable districts financially or spiritually so weak that they cannot be expected to work up into a satisfactory religious state, without help, and which need assistance suited to their particular circumstances.

Finally: Many of our ministers, in view of these enormous tasks and the inertness of churches, ask, almost in despair, What can we do?

Your Committee would answer, we can pray and we can also work; and — what seems to them quite essential to success — we can pray and work together, — the members of every individual church, together in their own parish; the churches of every Conference, shoulder to shoulder among the populations which it covers; and all the churches of the State heart to heart and hand in hand, in this Association and among our fifteen hundred thousand people.

Your Committee would further answer, that this is no time for looking back, for taking the hand from the plough, or for relaxing our efforts to rouse and instruct the people. We need more laborers for this purpose, not fewer; and must have them before we shall see the religious interests of the State in a condition of satisfactory improvement.

But what, then, you have a right to ask, do we propose? We propose a united, widely diversified movement aimed definitely at the Christianiza-

tion of the people; a system not to be set in operation all at once, but to be worked out, as with God's help, we are able; slowly, without doubt, but yet surely; and we venture to do this in implicit faith in the words of our Lord, "Lo! I am with you."

Any rational proposition looking to an end so vast, must rest on principles that lie deep; and must make its beginnings thorough, if it would build for permanence. It must be based upon scriptural views of the church — its material, structure, end, and methods; and must carry them out. The order of steps will, of course, vary in different communities, and churches must begin as they think best; but the system which we would outline for the approval of the Association includes, among others, the following points:

1. That the churches, under a sense of covenant vows and a proper appreciation of church membership, should clear their lists, and make them true; also that they should each make such permanent provision as it judges best for keeping them true, and insuring a better fulfilment of the vow of "watch and care."

2. That the churches, solemnly conscious of the responsibility which rests on them, for carrying the Gospel, each to a certain people, should also define their parishes — territorially, if they judge best, *but always by a list of families and individuals* annually corrected and made conscientiously complete.

3. That every church provide — and enter, if they please, among their by-laws — some permanent method for keeping up Christian acquaintance and a spiritual fellowship — the "Fellowship meeting" and "Church Circle," or something better.

4. That the churches provide — in their by-laws, if judged best — stated occasions for a review of their work and for prayer and counsel in regard to it — the "Home Concert," or its equivalent.

It is as *really* necessary that churches have permanent provision for the promotion of fellowship and activity, as of orthodoxy and piety.

5. That churches in large towns where there are distinct classes of neglecters, indifferent or inimical to religion, enter upon such special measures as may seem wise, for winning back their confidence and communicating the power of the Gospel — by no means assuming this to be impossible. Among such measures may be counted, Protracted (or Revival) meetings, Praise meetings, City Missions, Lectures on historical and other themes, Public meetings, for the discussion from a Christian point of view of the particular subjects which at the moment may be most deeply engaging the thoughts of the classes in question. If they will not come to us, we should gladly go to them.

6. That the Conferences adopt effectual measures — after the example of the *Woburn Conference*, briefly described on page 40 of this report, or in some better way — to enable the feeble churches among their number to secure pastors.

7. That the pastors in the several Conferences make such arrangements

as they can cordially agree upon, for calling the attention of their people to the subject of *church work for popular Coristianization*, and for having sermons preached to every congregation upon the "Doctrine of the Church,' and upon the present duty of the churches, and of each church in particular.

8. The improvement of our Sunday-schools, and the securing greater definiteness and energy of purpose in their administration, is a matter of unspeakable importance; but your Committee can only, at the present time, urgently call attention to the subject, not venturing on particular suggestions.

9. That churches enlist companies of singers for Sunday-schools, Branch Sunday-schools, the Weekly prayer-meetings and Neighborhood meetings; and that they make use of the Praise meetings (or "Even Song") both in the sanctuary and in private houses — connecting with the reading of hymns brief expositions of the truth which they convey.

10. That the women in our churches be assisted to engage more largely in works of mercy and other Christian labors; and that meetings be held of such a character that they shall feel disposed to take part in them freely, so that the church shall not continue to lose, so largely as now, the benefit of their knowledge of Scripture, their sympathy with Christ and their practical wisdom.

11. Churches, if earnestly resolved, can find appropriate ways of doing more for the education of the young in habits of temperance, for the reform of the intemperate, and the removal of the various conditions that promote the habitual use of intoxicating drink. They can do this through Sabbath-schools, Temperance Committees, and measures for the general social and intellectual improvement of the intemperate classes.

12. We see no reason why the churches should not immediately proceed to organize, whenever practicable, among their own members, and especially among Christian women, *companies of visitors*, for the relief of the poor, the sick, unprotected children, and all others who may be accessible to neighborly benevolence — such companies, designed for both a temporal and a spiritual ministry, to bear the name of THE CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS — every one who joins them taking this one secret vow, to prove herself, or himself, a true Christian neighbor in some way to somebody.

13. The Congregational Churches ought to enter as soon as practicable upon a Christian work among Romanists. This is strictly a home, as well as a foreign work.

Finally: With respect to the regions requiring special help, as well as in view of the whole work before us, do we not all agree, that in a spirit of brotherly love, the churches should strive earnestly to *work together* — to assist each other with information respecting the condition of their parishes, their modes of labor, successes and failures, to encourage the weak and desponding, to revive the lukewarm, and, in every possible way, especially in their Conferences and this Association, with abounding warmth of affection, to help and incite one another, — proving to the world, as well as to themselves and to Christendom, that it is possible to have a great,

harmonious sisterhood of churches, made one by their love, and neither needing nor tolerating authority? And let us all exhort and pray for one another, that we may not be faithless but believing, and may move on, shoulder to shoulder, one embattled army of the Lord God Almighty.

In conclusion, your Committee do not ask that the General Association formally adopt the suggestions made in this report, but they propose for its consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That this General Association, without entering upon a careful examination of all details included in the suggestions of the State Committee on Home Evangelization, cordially approves of their tenor, and recommends them to the attention of the churches.

By vote of the State Committee on Home Evangelization.

DANIEL P. NOYES, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

STATE COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

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PARISH STATISTICS.

The leading object in seeking these returns is, to keep prominently before the churches the principle which lies at the foundation of the Home Evangelization movement in this State, that *every church is responsible for a definite parish*. This principle, recognized so clearly by Dr. Chalmers, and the secret of his success, is of universal application. Upon no other basis is it possible to prosecute Christian work by means of churches. Departing from it, we necessarily fall back upon the clergy, acting as mere preachers, or on the voluntary societies.

But these returns, if complete, would also have a *statistical* value, hardly inferior to that of any that the churches make — showing as they would, from year to year, their progress in *getting at* the people. Until more complete, however, the Committee propose to publish only enough of them to show their practicability and their significance. We have selected such as are well filled out, and such as illustrate the condition of a considerable variety of churches and communities.

A PORTION OF SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. I.

CHURCHES.	FAMILIES.			PERSONS.			NEGLECTERS.			Hopeful	AUDIENCE.
	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Bro't to Church.	Bro't to Sun. Sch.	Total.	Converts.	Fair day.
Belmont, Waverly,	33	8	41	134	33	167	0	0	0	0	110
Boston, South, E Street,	150	65	215	650	250	900					350
Brighton,	126	69	195	314	460	774	13	14	27	4	186
Dedham, 1st,	138	12	150	650	75	725					320
" South,	105	20	125	249	79	328		6	6		200
Hyde Park,	143	28	171	452	61	513				3	305
Needham, Grantville,	52	5	57	212	18	230	0	5	5	0	120
Newton, 1st,	120	2	122	350	20	370				7	250
" Eliot,	201	5	206	625	41	666	7	45	52	23	500
" Auburndale,	79	7	86	326	29	355	0	0	0	0	260
" North,	38	24	62	175	75	250		90		7	200
" Central,	92	7	99	352	26	378	48	54	102	6	280
West Roxbury, South Evangelical,	75	5	80	200	20	220	10	10	20	2	190
Total: 13 churches,	1352	257	1609	4689	1187	5876	78	234	212	52	3271

A PORTION OF NORFOLK CONFERENCE. I.

CHURCHES.	FAMILIES.			PERSONS.			NEGLECTERS.			Hopeful	AUDIENCE.
	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Bro't to Church.	Bro't to Sun.Sch.	Total.	Converts.	Fair day.
Abington, 1st,	200	30	230	600	150	750					350
" 2d,	175	35	210	550	150	700					375
Boston, Dorchester Village,	62	2	64	210	21	231				2	150
Braintree, South,	120	30	150	474	150	624					230
Cohasset, Beechwood,	50	30	80	225	300	525	10	15	25	0	175
Easton,	92	3	95	234	17	251	0	0	0	1	180
Hingham,	39	16	55	127	63	190					100
Milton, 1st,	68	15	83	310	52	362				1	175
" 2d,	38	16	54	156	30	186					130
North Bridgewater, Campello,	130	7	137	480	30	510					300
Randolph, 1st,	142	24	166	434	114	548					300
Sharon,	84	23	107	260	75	335	6	4	6	0	120
Weymouth, 1st, North,	92	3	95	200	20	280	2	2	4	2	165
" East,	212	36	248	780	124	904	14	17	30	0	330
Total: 14 churches,	1504	270	1770	5100	1396	6396	32	38	65	6	3080

A PORTION OF TAUNTON CONFERENCE. I.

CHURCHES.	FAMILIES.			PERSONS.			NEGLECTERS.			Hopeful	AUDIENCE.
	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Bro't to Church.	Bro't to Sun.Sch.	Total.	Converts.	Fair day.
Attleborough, 1st, West,	68	25	93	199	107	306	0	0	0	3	140
" 2d, East,	145	27	172	600	200	800					350
Berkley, Trin. Cong.,	39	8	47	146	40	186				2	90
Fall River, 1st,	180	20	200	450	250	700	20	30	50	10	210
Freetown, Assonet,	38	12	50	110	30	140	2	3	5	0	120
Middleborough, North,	70	10	80	221	43	264				1	200
Raynham,	78	70	148	233	155	388	10	30	40	1	225
Somerset,	35	5	40	100	30	130				7	80
Taunton, East,	50	25	75	250	100	350	10	10	20	0	115
Total: 9 churches,	703	202	905	2309	955	3264	42	73	115	24	1530

A PORTION OF OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. I.

CHURCHES.	FAMILIES.			PERSONS.			NEGLECTERS.			Hopeful	AUDIENCE.
	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Church Going.	Neglecting.	Total.	Bro't to Church.	Bro't to Sun.Sch.	Total.	Converts.	Fair day.
New Bedford, Pacific,	84	13	97	325	42	367	13	12	25	17	200
Fairhaven, 1st,	140	8	148	510	26	536	15	12	27	13	275
South Dartmouth,	63	49	112	251	174	425				6	100
Westport, Pacific Union,	40	9?	49	124	32	156	10	10	12	2	70
Mattapoisett,	57	30	87	275	100	375		15	15		225
Marion,	57	5	62	216	15	231	0	0	0	1	200
North Rochester,	20	10	30	65	40	105	0	0	0	1	50
Middleborough, 1st,	108	48	156	310	138	448	0	2	2	0	250
Total: 8 churches,	569	172	741	2076	567	2643	38	51	81	40	1370

PARISH STATISTICS.

PAYMENTS AND CHARITIES.

Again, in this department, we give only a very few returns, enough to prove the practicability of making them, and partially to exemplify their use.

Complaint is justly made of the insufficient salary of many pastors. But how can we create a healthy public sentiment on this matter, unless we "keep the facts before the people"? And how can any of us really know what the facts are, unless the churches furnish them to us?

The orderly classification of *Charities*, again, and their publication, are needed, that the churches may see clearly what causes any of them are neglecting, and may know whether they are apportioning their money wisely.

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PARISH EXPENSES. — For details of public charities see next page.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
Ashburnham, 1st,	$1,200.00	$17,050.00	$18,250.00	$58.52	$695.00
" 2d,	550.00	86.48	636.48	867.33	3,367.33
Athol,	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	421.55	2,921.55
Gardner, united 1867,	2,000.00	500.00	2,500.00	150.00	1,000.13
Hubbardston,	700.00	150.13	850.13	28.50	600.92
New Salem,	500.00	72.42	572.42	25.50	478.62
Orange, North,	400.00	53.12	453.12	48.45	961.53
Petersham,	800.00	83.08	883.08	546.79	1,768.79
Phillipston,	1,100.00	112.00	1,212.00		
Royalston, 1st,	1,200.00	206.00	1,406.00	202.00	1,247.00
" 2d,	800.00	245.00	1,045.00	555.97	1,880.97
Templeton,	800.00	625.00	1,325.00		
Westminster,	1,200.00	245.00	1,445.00		
Winchendon, 1st,	600.00	130.00	730.00	981.63	2,586.63
" 2d,	1,350.00	275.00	1,625.00		
Churches, 15; 11 in full,	$14,800.00	$20,730.23	$35,530.23	$3,807.24	$20,406.47

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PUBLIC CHARITIES.

CHURCHES.	HOME MISSIONS.					CH. BUIL'G.		FOR. MISSIONS.			Seamen's	CHRISTIAN EDUCA'N.				CHRISTIAN PUB.				Miscellaneous.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. S.	Freedmen.	Local.	Other.	A. C. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Ch. Un.	Other.	Fr. Soc.	Theo. Sem.	A. Ed Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Other.	Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	Oth.	
Ashburnham, 1st,.....																				
" 2d,.....	$8.92	$14.25	0	0	0	0	$8.25	$22.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$5.00	0	0	0	0
Athol,.....	147.44	166.35	0	0	0	$33.81	0	208.32	0	0	$25.00	0	0	0	0	0	$24.18	0	0	$262.23
Gardner, united 1867,..	0	241.60	0	0	0	0	0	380.00	0	0	26.10	0	0	0	0	0	140.13	$15.08	0	29.40
Hubbardston,.....	50.00	28.00	0	0	0	0	0	22.36	0	0	10.64	0	0	0	0	0	9.00	9.56	0	20.44
New Salem,.....	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.50	0	0
Orange, North,.....	14.28	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.10	0	0	0
Petersham,.....	12.50	14.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.70	0	0
Phillipston,.....	172.33	40.75	0	0	0	0	0	194.35	0	0	63.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65.51
Royalston, 1st,.....																				
" 2d,.....	75.00	70.00	0	0	0	0	0	32.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	0	0	10.00
Templeton,.....	53.35	144.75	0	0	$36.50	0	0	159.57	0	$25.00	11.00	0	0	$17.00	$69.00	25.00	14.80	0	0	0
Westminster, ...																				
Winchendon, 1st,.....																				
" 2d,.....	220.25	186.27	$45.00	0	0	0	0	212.15	0	0	24.50	0	$20.50	0	0	0	19.00	0	0	233.86
Churches, 15; 11 in full,	$768.87	$905.97	$45.00		$36.50	$33.81	$8.25	$1,329.97		$25 00	$161.09		$20.50	$17.00	$69.00	$30.00	$224.21	$45.84		$621.44

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. II.

PARISH EXPENSES.

For details of Public Charities, see next page, where, for want of room, churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with their numbers on this page.

	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
1	Belmont, Waverly,	$1,000.00	$1,400.00	$2,400.00		$2,400.00
2	Boston, Park St.,	6,000.00	5,000.00	1,100.00	$9,856.06	20,856.06
3	" Union,	5,000.00	* 2,500.00			15,000. ?
4	" Berkeley Street,	4,500.00	8,900.00	13,400.00	1,838.00	15,238.00
5	" Central,	6,000.00				15,000. ?
6	" Shawmut,	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	8,591.36	23,591.36
7	" South, Phillips,	2,625.00	2,685.57	5,310.57	6,311.04	11,621.61
8	" " E Street,	2,200.00	3,418.00	5,618.00	382.79	6,000.79
9	" Highlands, Eliot,	3,000.00	3,090.00	6,090.00	3,783.24	6,873.24
10	" " Vine Street,	2,500.00	1,979.00	4,479.00	2,093.00	6,572.00
11	" " Highland,	2,000.00	15,000.00	17,000.00	538.83	17,538.83
12	" Dorchester, 2d,	2,500.00	2,700.00	5,200.00	4,670.00	9,870.00
13	" " Neponset Trinitarian,	1,500.00	1,122.00	2,622.00	178.12	2,800.12
14	" " Cottage Street,	1,000.00	600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00
15	Brighton,	2,000.00	2,400.00	4,400.00	1,146.78	5,546.78
16	Brookline, Harvard,	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,452.59	9,452.59
17	Dedham, First,	2,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	1,109.00	6,109.00
18	" South,	2,000.00	514.16	2,514.16	217.50	2,731.66
19	Hyde Park, First,	1,800.00	11,700.00	13,500.00	298.47	13,798.47
20	Needham, Grantville,	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	800.77	3,300.77
21	Newton, First,	2,500.00	2,023.00	4,523.00	2,214.00	6,736.00
22	" Second,	2,000.00	4,700.00	6,700.00	1,363.72	8,063.72
23	" Eliot,	3,000 00	5,797.74	8,797.74	5,390.93	14,197.67
24	" Auburndale,	2,000.00	1,875.11	3,875.11	3,869.25	7,744.36
25	" North,	† 1,000.00	* 150.00		100.00	400.00
26	" Central,	2,200.00	1,090.00	3,290.00	1,264.77	4,554.77
27	Watertown,	1,200.00	900.00	2,100.00	436.00	2,536.00
28	West Roxbury, South Ev.	1,500.00	800.00	2,300.00	2,244.54	4,544.54
29	" Jamaica Plain,	2,500.00	890.16	3,390.16	1,573.33	4,963.49
	Churches, 29; 27 in full,	$75,025.00	$98.234.74	$173,259.74	$71,156.75	$252,566.49

* Last year. † In part paid by Eliot church.

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES.

Churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with numbers on the preceding page.

No.	HOME MISSIONS.					CH. BUILD'G.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Seamen's Fr. Soc.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.				CHRISTIAN PUBL'N.				Miscellaneous.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. S.	Freedmen.	Local.	Other.	A. C. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Ch. Union.	Other.		Theo. Sem.	A. Ed. Soc.	Coll. So.	Other.	Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	Other	
1																				
2	1,738.05			$1,431.93		$426.38		$4,287.94	$309.80		$375.00	$224.50	$50.00		$180.00		$214.96			$527.50
3																				
4	200.00	106.00		1,060.00	$103.00			279.00		$90.00										
5																				
6	1,726.55	472.93		2,040.15				3,267.52	500.00				284.21							300.00
7	1,021.82	139.00	0	2,268.46	219.75	76.04	$125.25	1,689.85	226.15	50.00	89.80	0	117.50	0	100.00	0	67.33	0	0	120.00
8	45.00			101.00			53.80	91.00						$30.35				$26.00		35.64
9	500.00			104.78	244.58		46.25	1,916.73			74.00		97.63			$118.23	154.20			526.92
10	298.00				485.00		100.00	958.00					100.00							152.00
11				100.00				394.87					43.96							
12	668.00	520.00		220.00			225.00	1,268.00		935.00					94.00					740.00
13	50.00						40.00		58.00							8.12				22.00
14																				
15	120.20	129.64	0			0	72.96	389.82					56.07	21.31		81.89				474.89
16	585.65	291.53		294.83	305.34	282.61		1,300.40			80.30		184.06				118.87			
17	151.00			385.00				178.00		55.00			137.00	80.00						123.00
18	64.85							80.51				16.18				25.00	15.57		$15.39	
19	116.00				41.30											41.17				100.00
20	60.00	149.75			140.00			255.65	28.65	10.00			36.00		27.61					93.11
21	366.67	420.44			348.70	154.86		374.64	177.00		37.60		72.06	36.90				28.63		196.50
22	124.54	141.30			20.25			541.93		62.00			78.80			70.55				324.35
23	721.20	238.96	317.40	500.00	353.76	237.41		1,184.00	249.62		136.20		410.00	250.00		264.45	118.29			242.22
24	356.00	300.00	68.00		91.25		56.00	2,078.69					525.00		62.00					332.25
25																				
26	96.20				66.20		32.00		77.70		85.94		57.92							848.81
27																				
28	332.20	483.00		12.50	125.00			529.34		100.00		17.00	45.50		30.00					570.00
29	326.50	147.00	50.00	50.00				559.00		50.00			130.50							200.33
	$9,668.43	$3,539.64	$435.40	$8,568.65	$2,544.13	$1,177.30	$751.26	$21,633.89	$1,716.92	$1,202.00	$878.84	$257.68	$2,426.21	$418.56	$493.61	$599.41	$689.22	$54.63	$15.39	$5,089.52

REMARKS UPON THE TABLES.

From the foregoing returns it appears that *thirteen* parishes of *Suffolk South* Conference — embracing, however, few of the larger churches — average 104 church going families, 20 neglecting, total 124. In *fourteen* parishes of the *Norfolk* Conference, the same averages are 107, 19, 126.

Again, *nine* parishes of the *Taunton* Conference, average 78 church going families, 22 neglecting, total, 100. While in eight parishes of the *Old Colony* Conference, the same averages are 71, 22, 93.

These families include, on an average, in the portion of the *Suffolk South* Conference, 361 church-goers, 91 neglecters, total 452. The same averages in the portion of the *Norfolk* Conference are, 364, 100, 464; in the portion of the *Taunton* Conference, 257, 106, 363; and in the portion of the *Old Colony* Conference, 259, 71, 330. About 19 or 20 per cent. of the families, and of the persons, recognized by these churches as distinctly under their care, they consider *neglecters*.

Thus these parishes, in the judgment of their pastors, stand today. But so they will not remain for another year, if the churches engage vigorously in their work. It is to be hoped, that they will be interested in scrutinizing their own progress, so that, when the year comes round, they will know how much they have seemed to make; and can give to each other and to affiliated churches, the benefit of their experience.

It is not at all improbable, that they will find, upon more careful examination, that some families have been omitted who fall properly under their care; and, especially, that there are some neglecting households and individuals who have been overlooked. The parishes are probably somewhat *larger* than the returns indicate. The "neglect" may also be larger. Churches are but beginning to look narrowly into their responsibility, and it is possible that some of them may find it broader than they have supposed.

The *neglecters brought to church or Sunday-school*, average, in the several church groups above given, 16, 7, 13, and 10.

The *Fair-day Audiences*, average — in the same order — 252, 220, 170, and 171; and embrace, respectively, 70 per cent., 60 per cent., 66 per cent., and 66 per cent. of the church going people.

The *hopeful conversions* reported, were, for each church, in the same groups, 4, 3-7, 2⅔, and 5 — certainly not a very gratifying story.

EXPENDITURES AND CHARITIES.

A single glance at the returns from a portion of the *Worcester North* Conference, gives rise to some important questions — among them the following: Is it right that a minister should be asked, in these days, to live upon $400 or $500? — why ought not the strong to make up the lack of the weak? Our answers must be given in view of all the circumstances. Again, how happens it, that only *two* of these eleven churches contributed to the cause of *Christian education* — as represented by our Theological Seminaries, Educa-

tion Society, College Society, and *all other* ways of promoting it? Again, only *two* contributed to our own Publication Society, and only one to the Congregational Union, for church building. Similar hints may be gathered from the other tables; which, however, we leave our readers to obtain at their pleasure.

WAYS OF ORGANIZING CHURCHES FOR WORK.

ENLISTMENT CARDS.

The following is offered as a general form, which can be modified, as may be necessary, to suit the circumstances of any particular parish.

THE UNDERSIGNED engages to take part in those forms of usefulness enumerated below, against which has set a mark.

I. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

1. In the family, at home.
2. In the Sunday-school.
3. In the Branch Sunday-school.

II. DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

1. In meetings for lay preaching and exhortation.
2. In meetings for prayer and conference.
3. In meetings for Bible reading and conversation.
   (a.) The Church Circle.
   (b.) The Neighborhood Meeting — among neglecters.

III. DEPARTMENT OF SACRED SONG.

1. In the church choir.
2. In the Sunday-school.
3. In the Weekly prayer-meeting.
4. In the Neighborhood meetings.
5. In the Praise meetings.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD.

1. In hospitality, —
   (a.) To members of the parish.
   (b.) To strangers coming to live in the neighborhood.
   (c.) To strangers happening to visit the church.
2. In charitable comfort and relief, —
   (a.) In the systematic District visitation.
   (b.) In the BAND OF CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS, for reaching neglecters and for the succor of the suffering and the criminal.
   (c.) In an independent visitation of the poor.
   (d.) In an independent visitation of the sick.
   (e.) In an independent visitation of the neglecters of the sanctuary.

(f.) In an independent visitation of the intemperate.
(g.) In an independent visitation of prisoners.

3. In charitable work, —
   (a.) In the Sewing Circle.
   (b.) In the committee for providing work for persons out of employ.

V. DEPARTMENT OF THE HIDDEN SERVICE.

1. Labors wholly private.
2. Labors communicated to the pastor, in confidence.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

1. Membership on committees, on collections, statistics, etc.
2. Young People's Association.
3. Church Temperance Committee, etc.

On the reverse of the card may be printed appropriate texts of scripture, a hymn, or brief suggestions or exhortations.

One card should be handed to the pastor, and another kept by each church member, as a memorandum of this his covenant and promise.

METHODS IN ACTUAL USE.

The first two of the following schemes are used in Congregational churches, and the third in an Episcopal church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF THE TABERNACLE PARISH.

ART. 1. The name of this Association shall be the LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF THE TABERNACLE PARISH.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the mutual acquaintance of the members, of organized effort of Christian Benevolence, and of whatever else pertains to the welfare and prosperity of the parish.

ART. 3. Every lady habitually attending divine service at the Tabernacle, shall be of right, a full member of this Association, — no invitation or election or initiation being prerequisite; and no annual dues shall be exacted of the members for any purpose whatever.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Chief Manager, fourteen Assistant Managers, and a Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, at a meeting called by notice from the pulpit, on the second Wednesday in January, or as soon thereafter as is convenient.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the Annual Meeting, and at other meetings of the Association for the transaction of business, and she shall be *ex-officio* a corresponding member of the Board of Managers. In her absence, the Chief Manager shall have the power of a Vice-President.

ART. 6. The government and direction of the affairs of the Association shall rest chiefly in the Board of Managers, and of this Board the Chief Manager shall be the presiding officer, and as such she shall be the officer deemed primarily responsible to the Association for the carrying out of such measures as may be resolved upon, in the fulfilment of its general object.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to keep the Records of the

Association and of the Board of Managers, of which she shall be *ex-officio* Clerk; to notify all appointees of their appointment and duties; to take charge of whatever funds shall be in any way raised or received by the Association, and to invest or disburse them as the Association or the Board of Managers shall direct.

ART. 8. The Standing Committees of the Board of Managers shall include a Committee on Benevolence, who shall act in cooperation with the deacons of the church in the relief of the poor; a Committee on the Sabbath-school, who shall act in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Sabbath-school in furnishing aid to needy children; a Visiting Committee, who shall labor to interest every member, and especially newcomers in the parish, in the work and objects of the Association; and such other committees as may from time to time be found needful; and these committees shall be appointed by the Board within one week after the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee may associate with themselves any members of the Association as their assistants, and the Managers may delegate any work for which they are responsible to assistants whom they may select, whenever the interests of the Association seem to require it.

ART. 10. Besides the Annual Meeting of the Association, occasional meetings may be held on call of the President, and a meeting shall be called whenever the Board of Managers shall deem it desirable. Meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held on call of the Chief Manager, or at such times as they themselves shall appoint.

ART. 11. The funds needful for the objects of this Association may be solicited by appeal to the congregation or to the deacons, or to the Sabbath-school, or raised by such enterprises as the Board of Managers may initiate or approve, but never by assessment upon the members.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association, by a vote of three fourths of the members present and voting.

A PASTORAL LETTER.

The Pastor of the Orange Valley Church to the Members of the Church and Congregation:

I take this method of calling the attention of my people to a plan for systematic Church work, which has been prepared by the Standing Committee, after prolonged and careful consideration.

I know that the best way in which any of us can serve our Lord is in the hearty and loving performance of the duties of the home and of our various callings. And I know that the faithful performance of these duties leaves some of us but little time for the particular work which the Church, as an organization, is trying to accomplish. But while we should do, first of all, the former duties, we should not leave the latter undone. To many of us the fact that we can do so little in the Church, is a difficulty in the way of our doing anything. More still are hindered by the fact that they do not know precisely what modes of work the Church is using, nor how the little time and experience and ability which they can offer can be made available. This plan shows what the Church is trying to do; and gives to the whole congregation a chance to say in which of these ways they may be willing or able to help. I invite all to read it carefully, to see where help is most required, and to volunteer their personal service, whether it be much or little.

I am sure that many will be glad of the suggestions which are thus made. Some are at work already in one or more of these departments. In all of them there is room for more assistance. In some of them there is urgent need of help. There is hardly anybody who is not doing, or can not do, something to help in one or more of the ways now pointed out.

We all of us recognize our responsibility to do what we can for Christ and for the Church of which we are members. Let us avail ourselves of this opening year to put new energy into our work, choosing, each one of us, what we will try to do, not only as Christians, but as members of this local church. I ask for no formal response to this

letter; except that those who are willing to help will signify such willingness to the person in charge of the particular department in which they desire to labor. But I earnestly invite every church member to have an active part in the church work, and to lose no time in entering upon it. Delay in such a matter is unwise. Each one of us ought to know what he or she intends to do. And the various superintendents should know upon whom they have a right to call.

I do not restrict this invitation to church members, but to all who love our common Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to work for him. The Church was never in better condition. The week of prayer through which we have just passed has kindled our devotion and increased our fellowship. The effort to pay our debt has tested our fidelity and encouraged us by its results. But let us not be content with past achievements. Let us not be weary in well doing. Let us press toward the mark!

Affectionately, your pastor,

GEORGE B. BACON.

ORANGE VALLEY, January, 1871.

ORANGE VALLEY CHURCH.—A PLAN FOR SYSTEMATIC CHURCH WORK.

The work of this church divides itself, naturally, into six general departments, each one under the supervision of one or more church members. In each general department there are various kinds of work to be done, which are indicated in the subdivisions of the plan. Persons who are willing and able to work in any of these ways are earnestly invited to give their names to the proper superintendent, who will thus know upon whom to rely for help, and will call for it when it is needed.

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

——— ———, —— *St., Superintendent.*

a. Teachers in the Church Sunday-school.

b. Teachers for other Sunday-schools in need of help. (Assistance in the Second Valley School would be especially welcome.)

c. Reserve corps of teachers; (to supply occasional absences and temporary wants.)

d. Bible class; (which will be organized if a sufficient number of adults desire it.)

e. Aid in the selection of Library books.

II. THE PRAYER-MEETING WORK.

——— ———, —— *St., Superintendent.*

In this work some may be willing to help only by their attendance; others may be willing to lead in prayer or in remark, or to take charge of and conduct the meetings. Let it be remembered that to attend is to assist, if one can do nothing more.

a. Friday evening meeting, including Monthly Concert.

b. Neighborhood prayer meetings; (which it is proposed to establish immediately in the Valley, and in which help is earnestly requested.)

c. Sunday evening meetings; (which will be established if a sufficient number of persons shall request and promise to support them.)

d. A Mothers' meeting; (which will be organized if desired by a sufficient number.)

III. THE INDUSTRIAL WORK.

In charge of Ladies of the Church.

This department of work is already in very efficient operation; but the ladies will welcome an increased attendance and interest. Offers of assistance may be made through the pastor, or any of the deacons, or Standing Committee.

a. Sewing Society and Home Mission work. (The Society meets usually every other Wednesday at the school-house, and upon notice from the pulpit.)

b. Women's Foreign Missionary work: the Zenana Band.

c. Industrial school; (Saturdays) in the school-house.

IV. THE CHARITABLE WORK.

——— ———, ——— *St., Superintendent.*

a. Occasional visitation of the poor and sick. (There is very urgent need of help in this work. It is very burdensome if left to a few. But if many engage in it it becomes easy and efficient. The superintendent earnestly requests the names of men and women who are willing to give a little time, when called for, to examine into the applications for aid and to see that the charities are wisely and usefully expended. It is preeminently a Christian work, and one for which Christian women are peculiarly fitted.)

b. Assistance in collecting contributions.

c. Distribution of religious literature.

d. Cooperation in organizing charities of the community, such as the Orphan Society, relief of destitute children, etc.

V. THE SOCIAL WORK.

——— ———, ——— *St., Superintendent.*

a. Courtesies to strangers on Sundays.

b. Hospitalities to new families joining the congregation.

c. Social meetings of the congregation. From the nature of the case, this social work, which is exceedingly important, must be done by the thoughtful and ready attention of individual members of the congregation. And the families of a particular neighborhood should feel a special responsibility of courtesy to other families attending the church whose residence is in the same neighborhood. When a new face is seen in the prayer meeting, or a new household in church on Sunday, let it be the business of every one to find out the new comers and assure them of a welcome. The business of the committee having THE SOCIAL WORK in charge will be to furnish information as to what new comers there may be who ought to be called on; and from time to time, to provide social meetings where the congregation may become better acquainted. Faithful attention to such courtesies ought to be regarded as work done for Christ and for his Church.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

——— ———, ——— *St., Superintendent.*

a. Efforts in aid of temperance and moral reform.

b. Young Men's Christian Association work. Suggestion, as well as labor, is invited for the promotion of this and other Christian work.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WORCESTER, 1870-1.

Every regular worshipper is invited to enlist in one or more of the Departments named in the following schedule.

DEPARTMENT I. — VISITATION OF THE POOR.

This is a work in which both men and women can engage to advantage. In order to help the destitute and the sick, we must find them, for it is commonly only the least worthy who come to our knowledge unsought. Those among our recently arrived foreign population who were brought up at home in the Church of England, or, if Germans, as Lutherans, have a peculiarly strong claim upon our hospitable attention. Our Church is their natural refuge. To search out such families; to show a kind interest in their welfare; to invite them to Church, and their children to the Sunday-school and the Sewing School; to bring to the attention of the appropriate Departments cases of sickness and poverty among them; this is what the visitors will be expected to undertake and do.

DEPARTMENT II. — CLOTHING THE DESTITUTE.

This Department is intended to enlist the services of all the women of the Parish who are willing to make a conscientious duty of sewing for the poor. Efficiency will be the first and only aim. It is thought that a compact body of real workers, pledged to do systematically what they have undertaken to do, will be likely to accomplish more than usually results from the labors of a loosely organized and intermittent "Sewing Circle." A Depository of Clothing under the care of this Department will be kept in the Chapel, from which needy applicants recommended by the District Visitors, by Sunday-school Teachers, or by the Rector, can be supplied. Contributions of worn garments, as well as gifts of cotton and woollen cloth, not made up, will be welcome at the Depository.

DEPARTMENT III. — CARING FOR THE SICK.

The duties of this Department require for their thorough discharge special gifts, a ripe experience, and a considerable command of leisure. Yet we must not leave a good work unattempted on account of its difficulty. By degrees we may hope to educate a skill which does not now exist, and perhaps by and by maintain a cottage hospital of our own. There is no reason why any who feel an attraction to this kind of work should not make a beginning. Such simple acts of kindness as watching with the sick, preparing delicacies for their use, joining with them in the Holy Communion, reading to them, and praying with them, are possible for those who lack the qualifications of trained nurses; and yet they are acts which hallow and bless the life of a Church in the performance.

DEPARTMENT IV. — INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT.

A SEWING SCHOOL for the instruction of girls is held in the Chapel on Saturday afternoons, from November to May. Faithful and constant teachers are much needed.

A WOMENS' MEETING is held at the same place on Tuesday evenings, at which employment in needlework is furnished to those who desire it, on favorable terms. Reading aloud, Bible instruction, and a Lending Library, are features of this branch of the work of the Department.

DEPARTMENT V. — THE VOLUNTARY CHOIR.

This organization has become, during the few years of its existence, almost a necessity in our Church life. On occasions of week-day worship, when the regular choir of the Church cannot be in attendance, it is a great advantage not to have the service of song left dependent upon chance impulse.

The Voluntary Choir is moreover an admirable school of congregational singing, for its members distributed over the church on Sundays can do much to encourage by example that general participation in the choral portions of our worship which is so much to be desired. In view of the increased labors that will fall to this Department during the coming year, there is need that its members be strongly reenforced.

DEPARTMENT VI. — HOSPITALITY.

Calling on new parishioners to enlist them in the charitable activities of the church; providing for the entertainment of clerical and other delegates to Conventions held in this city; showing courtesy to strangers at times of public worship; assisting at the social assemblies of the parish; and in general doing all that is possible to promote a kindly and cordial feeling of brotherhood among all the members of the congregation, these are the varied but important duties of the Department of Hospitality.

☞ If you are willing to give your help in any of these Departments, please fill out one or other, or both of the annexed forms, and inclose this page detached to the Rector.

The undersigned will render personal service in Deparments.....
during the year ending Nov. 1st, 1871.

Signed,.....

OR THIS:

The undersigned subscribes $.....to the funds of Department *.....
for one year.

Signed,.....

*The Departments that require aid of this sort are those numbered II, III, IV.

FREE SEATS.

MODE OF SECURING THE PLEDGES.

In one of our "free" churches, the following blank is used for this purpose.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE —— CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN ——.

For the year commencing in April, 1871, we wish to raise $8,000.

"Every Little Helps."

On and after the first Sabbath in April, 1871, until further notice, I will contribute WEEKLY the sum or sums which I underscore by the mark × for the service of Christ, in the support of the Gospel, and the various benevolent works of the —— Congregational Church in ——.

Per week.	$10	$5	$3	$2	$1	75c.	50c.	40c.	30c.	25c.	20c.	15c.	10c.	5c.	3c.	1c.

Name,.....
Residence,.....

Please drop this paper, when subscribed, in the Collection Plate. Those who do not wish to contribute *weekly* will please signify it by crossing out that word.

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME.—This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT.—Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality; and to cooperate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS.—This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865; the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each District Association of ministers consenting to the principles above stated, may appoint, annually, two delegates; and each District Conference of churches, also so consenting, may appoint, annually, three delegates, who shall be laymen; which delegates, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A Secretary, a Registrar, and a Treasurer, shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible.

2. A Moderator, and an Assistant Registrar, shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each session, to serve during that session.

3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of the ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof, distribute the publications of the Association, and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The Registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association; to whom the Assistant

Registrar shall render his aid. He shall seasonably notify the time and place of each annual session.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and be the Committee of Publication unless another be chosen. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. QUORUM. — Twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, at four o'clock P. M., (or at some other more convenient hour,) at such place as shall have been duly designated.

IX. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.— The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates, to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that Society.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. — 1. Our principles of fraternal intercourse with all ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with us are, that this Association, and each body so connected with it, shall annually appoint delegates to the other, who shall be admitted to the privilege of sitting and deliberating upon all matters which may come under consideration.

2. The Delegates shall, as far as practicable, be selected, one from the District Associations, and one from the District Conferences, in rotation. Brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

4. It shall be the duty of those Delegates who attend the meetings of Corresponding Bodies, whether they be primaries or substitutes, to certify the Secretary in writing, on or before the opening of the annual meeting next after their appointment.

[The tenth article is suspended by action at the session of 1871, but the Rule was not formally amended.]

XI. ORGANIZATION. — The pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The certificates of the delegates present shall be presented, — only the names of members being read by the Registrar. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator and an Assistant Registrar, and the Moderator shall open the session with prayer. A Committee on Credentials shall then be appointed, to whom all certificates shall be referred.

XII. SERMONS. — A sermon shall be preached on the evening of the first day of the session, and another, adapted to the occasion, before the Lord's supper. [Modified, but not formally amended, by change in Article XV.]

XIII. COMMITTEES. — 1. The Committees for the session are these:

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, who shall be appointed by the Moderator immediately after the opening of the session.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following, and any other committees referred to them.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the pastor, or some member of the church shall be one, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Committee to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the churches of the several Conferences connected with this body.

(5.) A Committee to nominate delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

2. To act after the adjournment:

(1.) A Provisional Committee of five, to arrange the schedule for the next annual meeting; to select a preacher for a sermon on Wednesday, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(2.) A Committee on Home Evangelization, who shall make an annual report to this body, upon the Work of the Churches and State of Religion, unless otherwise ordered at any session.

XIV. EXERCISES. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of Home Evangelization, addresses and discussions of practical religious interest, the reception of delegates from corresponding bodies, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XV. SPECIAL ORDERS. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; shall direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer; and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

2. The associational sermon and Lord's supper may be assigned to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee. Salutations of delegates from corresponding bodies (which are expected to be confined to ten minutes each,) and reports of delegates to such bodies, shall be heard on Wednesday morning. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee.

3. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer. One session of the Association shall be devoted to the cause of Home Missions and Home Evangelization.

XVI. PLACE OF MEETING. — Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and designate the Association (in alphabetical order,) to appoint a preacher for the sermon before the Lord's supper. And the church of the place of meeting selected, is requested to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's supper in the course of the service. The Lord's supper shall be administered, generally, without remarks.

XVII. RULES OF ORDER. — 1. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be opened to discussion until it be seconded.

2. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under dabate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, laying on the table, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question. The previous question is this: Shall the main question be now put? And the effect of adopting it shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon the amendments, if any are pending, and then upon the main question proper.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

XVIII. AMENDMENTS. — 1. Any of the above Rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposal at the annual meeting next prior to that of action; and after notice has been sent to the several Associations and Conferences; and by a two-thirds vote.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

The names of ministers officiating with the churches will be found in the tabular reports of the churches, in the several counties referred to in each Conference.

I. Andover, Organized June 8, 1859.

Churches:

Andover, South Church, Essex Co.,
" West church, " "
" Free Christian church, " "
" Ballardvale, Union ch., " "
" Theolog. Seminary ch., " "
Chelmsford, 2d church, Middlesex Co.,
Dracut, 1st church, " "
" West church, " "
" Central church, " "
Lawrence, Lawrence St. Cong. ch., Essex Co.,
" Central Cong. ch., " "
Lawrence, Eliot Cong. church, Essex Co.,
" South Cong. church, " "
" Free Cong. church, " "
Lowell, 1st church, Middlesex Co.,
" Appleton Street ch., " "
" John Street church, " "
" Kirk Street church, " "
" High Street church, " "
Methuen, 1st church, Essex Co.,
North Andover, " "
Tewksbury, Middlesex Co. — 22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in October.

James G. Buttrick, Lowell, Secretary and Treasurer for three years. A Moderator is chosen at each meeting.

II. Barnstable, Organized October 28, 1828.

Churches, — all the churches in Barnstable and Nantucket counties. — 23.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday of June, and third Tuesday of December.

Rev. Henry C. Fay, Harwich Port, Scribe.

III. Berkshire North, Organized December 3, 1867.

Churches, — all in Berkshire County, except Middlefield:

Adams, North,
" South,
Becket, North,
Dalton,
Hinsdale,
Lanesborough,
Middlefield, Hampshire Co.,
Peru,
Pittsfield, 1st church,
Pittsfield, 2d church,
" South church,
Richmond,
Washington,
Williamstown, 1st church,
" College church,
" 2d church, South,
Windsor. — 17.

The Union church at White Oaks, in Williamstown, also belongs to the Conference.

Conference meets on the Second Wednesday in May and November.

Dea. H. M. Peirson, Williamstown, President; Rev. H. W. Gilbert, Peru, Secretary.

IV. Berkshire South, Organized September 4, 1860.

Churches, — All in Berkshire County:

Becket, Centre,
Egremont, South,
Great Barrington,
" " Housatonic,
Lee,
Lenox,
Monterey,
New Marlborough, 1st church,
" " Southfield,
New Marlborough, Mill River,
Otis,
Sandisfield,
Sheffield,
Stockbridge,
" Curtisville,
West Stockbridge,
" " Centre, — 17.

Conference holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; its other meetings quarterly.

Rev. Charles F. Bradley, West Stockbridge, Moderator; Marshall S. Bidwell, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe; the Moderator, Rev. Elias C. Hooker, of Stockbridge, and William Kniffin, West Stockbridge, are Committee of Arrangements.

V. Brookfield Associational, Organized June 13, 1821.

Churches, — all in Worcester County, except those noted otherwise:

Barre,
Brimfield, Hampden Co.,
Brookfield,
Charlton,
Dana,
Dudley,
Hardwick,
" Gilbertville,
Holland, Hampden Co.,
New Braintree,
North Brookfield, 1st church,
North Brookfield, 2d church,
Oakham,
Southbridge,
Spencer,
Sturbridge,
Ware, 1st church, Hampshire Co.,
" East, " "
Warren,
" West,
West Brookfield. — 21.

Conference meets annually on the second Tuesday in June, at 10 a. m.

Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe.

VI. Essex North, Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches, — all in Essex County:

Amesbury, West,
" Mills,
" and Salisbury,
Boxford, West,
Bradford,
Georgetown,
Groveland,
Haverhill, West Parish,
" East Parish,
" Centre,
" North church,
Ipswich, First church,
Ipswich and Rowley, Linebrook,
Newbury, 1st church,
" Byfield,
Newburyport, North church,
" Fourth church,
" Belleville,
" Whitefield church,
Rowley,
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,
West Newbury, First church,
" " Second church. — 23.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in October.

Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Bradford, Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches, — all in Essex County:

Beverly, Dane Street church,
" Washington Street church,
" North,
Boxford,
Danvers, Centre,
" Maple Street church,
Essex,
Georgetown, Memorial church,
Gloucester, Harbor,
" Lanesville,
" West,
Hamilton,
Ipswich, South church,
Lynn, First Church,
" Central church,
" Chestnut Street church,
Lynn, North Congregational church,
Lynnfield, Centre,
" Second church,
Manchester, Orthodox church,
Marblehead, First church,
" Third church,
Middleton,
Peabody,
Rockport, First church,
Salem, Tabernacle church,
" South church,
Saugus,
Swampscott,
Topsfield,
Wenham. — 31.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in May, and second Wednesday in October.
Rev. J. M. Whiton, PH. D., Lynn, Clerk.

VIII. Franklin, Organized October 10, 1843.

Churches. — all the churches in Franklin County, except Levefett, New Salem, North Orange, and Whately. — 25.

Conference meets annually, on the third Tuesday in September.
William Elliot, Greenfield, President; Rev. David Peck, Sunderland, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Crawford, D. D., Deerfield, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. William A. Thompson, Conway, Statistical Secretary.

IX. Hampden, Organized December 4, 1850.

Churches, — all in Hampden County, except as mentioned:

Agawam, Feeding Hills,
" Congregational church,
Blandford,
Chester, Centre,
" Depot,
Chicopee, First church,
" Second church,
" Third church,
Granville, East,
" West,
Holyoke, First church,
" Second church,
Longmeadow,
" East,
Ludlow,
Monson,
Palmer, First church,
Palmer, Second church,
South Hadley, First church, Hampshire Co.,
Southwick,
Springfield, First church,
" Olivet church,
" South church,
" North church,
" Indian Orchard,
" Sanford Street church,
Tolland,
Westfield, First church,
" Second church,
West Springfield,
" " Mittineaque,
Wilbraham,
" South. — 33.

The following "Union" churches also belong to the Conference: North Blandford, Jenksville, and Memorial ch., Springfield.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October.
Rev. John L. R. Trask, Holyoke, Moderator; Rev. J. W. Harding, Longmeadow, Scribe.

X. Hampshire, Organized February , 1865.

Churches, — all in Hampshire County:

Chesterfield,
Cummington, East,
" West,
Easthampton, First church,
" Payson church,
Goshen,
Huntington, First church,
" Second church,
Northampton, First church,
Northampton, Edwards church,
" Florence church,
Plainfield,
Southampton,
Westhampton,
Williamsburg, First church,
" Haydenville,
Worthington. — 17.

Conference meets "in the Spring and Fall," time not settled.
Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe.

XI. Hampshire East, Organized November 13, 1860.

Churches, — all in Hampshire County, except as below:

Amherst, First church,
" Second church, East street,
" Church of South,
" College church,
" North church, North,
Belchertown,
Enfield,
Granby,
Greenwich,
Hadley, First church,
Hadley, Second church,
" Russell church,
Hatfield,
Leverett, Franklin County,
Pelham, Packardville, Union church,
Prescott,
South Hadley,
" " Falls,
Whately, Franklin County. — 19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April, and on the third Tuesday in October.
George Montague, Amherst, Permanent Clerk.

XII. Mendon, Organized April 27, 1858.

Churches:

Foxborough, Norfolk County,
Franklin, North, " "
" South, " "
Mansfield, Bristol County,
Medfield, Norfolk County,
Medway, First church, East, " "
Medway, Second ch., West, Norfolk County,
" Village church, " "
Milford, Worcester County,
Norfolk, Norfolk County,
Walpole, " "
Wrentham, " " —12.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday of April and October.
Anson Daniels, West Medway, Scribe and Treasurer.

XIII. Middlesex South, Organized August 20, 1828.

Churches:

Ashland, Middlesex County,
Concord, " "
Dover, Norfolk County,
Framingham, Plymouth ch., Middlesex Co.,
" Saxonville, " "
Holliston, " "
Hopkinton, " "
Lincoln, " "
Marlborough, " "
Maynard, Middlesex County,
Natick, " "
" South, " "
Needham, Wellesley, Norfolk County,
Sherborn, Middlesex County,
Southborough, Worcester County,
" Southville, " "
Sudbury, Middlesex County,
Wayland, " " —18.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIV. Middlesex Union, Organized May 8, 1833.

Churches:

Acton, Middlesex County,
Ashby, " "
Ayer, " "
Boxborough, " "
Dunstable, " "
Fitchburg, Calvinistic ch., Worcester Co.,
" Rollstone ch., " "
Groton, Middlesex County,
Harvard, Worcester County,
Lancaster, Worcester County.
Leominster, " "
Littleton, Middlesex County,
Lunenburg, Worcester County,
Pepperell, Middlesex County,
Shirley, " "
Townsend, " "
Westford, " " —17.

Conference meets in the Spring (time not determined); and at Harvard October 18 and 19, 1871.

Rev. Horace Parker, Pepperell, Moderator; Rev. William J. Batt, Leominster, Secretary.

XV. Norfolk, Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches:

Abington, First church, Plymouth Co.,
" Second ch., South, " "
" Third ch., East, " "
" Fourth ch., North, " "
Braintree, First ch., Norfolk County,
" South church, " "
Bridgewater, Central Square ch., — Plymouth County,
Canton, Norfolk County,
Cohasset, Evan. church, " "
" Beechwood, " "
East Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Easton, Bristol County,
Hingham, Plymouth County,
Milton, First church, Norfolk County,
" Second ch., Railway, " "
North Bridgewater, First ch., Plymouth Co.,
No. Bridgewater, South ch., Campello, — Plymouth Co.,
" " Porter Ev. church, " "
Quincy, Norfolk County,
Randolph, First church, " "
" Second ch., East, " "
" Winthrop ch., East., " "
Sharon, " "
Stoughton, " "
Weymouth, First church, " "
" Second ch., South, " "
" Landing, " "
" Union ch., South, " "
" Pilgrim ch., North, " "
" East, " "
—30.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and last Tuesday in September.

Rev. John C. Labaree, Randolph, Scribe.

XVI. Old Colony, Organized September 23, 1856.

Churches:

Dartmouth, South, Bristol County,
Fairhaven, " "
Marion, Plymouth County,
Mattapoisett, " "
Middleborough, First ch., " "
" Central ch., " "
New Bedford, First church, Bristol County,
New Bedford, North ch., Bristol County,
" " Trin. church, " "
" " Pacific church, " "
Rochester, Centre, Plymouth County,
" North, " "
Wareham, " "
Westport, Bristol County. — 14.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.

Rev. Hartford P. Leonard, Westport, Scribe.

XVII. Pilgrim, Organized April 27, 1830.

Churches, — all in Plymouth County:

Carver, North,
Halifax,
Hanover, First church,
" Second church, Four Corners,
Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First church,
Marshfield, Second church, East,
Plymouth, Second church, South,
" Church of the Pilgrimage,
" Fourth church, Chiltonville,
" Fifth church, "
Plympton,
Scituate, North. — 14.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in April and October.

Rev. S. W. Cozzens, D. D., South Plymouth, Moderator; Rev. A. Parke Burgess, Duxbury, Scribe and Treasurer.

XVIII. Suffolk North, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston, Chelsea, and Revere, in Suffolk County; the others in Middlesex County:

Arlington,
Boston, Old South church,
" Salem and Mariners' church,
" Maverick church, East,
" Mount Vernon church,
" Chambers Street church,
Cambridge, First church,
" Port, First church,
" East,
" North Avenue,
Cambridgeport, Stearns chapel,
Charlestown, First church,
" Winthrop church,
Chelsea, Winnisimmet church,
" Central church,
Everett,
Revere,
Somerville, First church, East,
" Winter Hill, North,
Waltham. — 20.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in April and October.

Charles G. Nazro, Boston, Moderator; Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Chelsea, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIX. Suffolk South, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches:

Belmont, Waverley, Middlesex County,
Boston, Dorchester, Second ch., Suffolk Co.,
" Park Street church, " "
" Union church, " "
" South, Phillips church, " "
" Berkeley Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Village church, " "
" Highlands, Eliot church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Shawmut church, " "
" Highlands, Vine Street ch., " "
" Neponset, Trin. church, " "
" South, E Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Cottage St. ch., " "
" Highland church, " "
" Highlands, Walnut Av. ch., " "
Brighton, Middlesex County,
Brookline, Harvard ch., Norfolk Co.,
Dedham, First church, " "
" South, " "
Hyde Park, " "
Needham, Grantville, " "
Newton, First church, Middlesex Co.,
" Second church, " "
" Eliot church, " "
" Auburndale, " "
" North church, " "
" Central church, " "
Watertown, " "
W. Roxbury, South Ev. ch., Norfolk Co.,
" " Jamaica Plain, " "
—31.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in April and October.

Rev. Henry J. Patrick, West Newton, Secretary; J. Russell Bradford, Boston, Treasurer.

XX. Taunton and Vicinity, Organized October 2, 1849.

Churches, — all in Bristol County except as below:

Attleborough, East,
" West,
Berkley, First church,
" Trin. Congregational church,
Bridgewater, Scotland parish, Plymouth Co.,
Dighton,
Fall River, First church,
" Central church,
Freetown, Assonet,
Middleborough, North, Plymouth County,
Norton,
Raynham,
Rehoboth,
Seekonk,
Somerset,
Taunton, East,
" Trin. Cong. church,
" West,
" Winslow church,
" Union ch., Whittenton. — 20.

Conference meets annually on the Tuesday (and Wednesday) following the Bristol County Cattle Show.

Rev. Isaac Dunham, Taunton, Chairman; Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., Taunton, Scribe.

XXI. Woburn, Organized December 5, 1849.

No report has been received. Last year, it comprised the following churches: Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Lexington, Malden, the two in Medford, Melrose, North Reading, the two in Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and the two in Woburn. — 18.

XXII. Worcester Central, Organized April 28, 1852.

Churches, — all in Worcester County:

Auburn,
Berlin,
Boylston,
Clinton,
Holden,
Leicester,
Northborough,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Princeton,
Rutland,
Shrewsbury,
Sterling,
West Boylston,
Worcester, First church,
" Calvinist church,
" Union church,
" Salem Street church,
" Mission Chapel church,
" Plymouth church. — 20.

Conference meets on the Wednesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Wednesday following the third Monday in October.

Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Leicester, Scribe.

XXIII. Worcester North, Organized November 24, 1827.

Churches, — all in Worcester County, except as below:

Ashburnham, First church,
" Second church,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, Franklin County,
Orange, North, " "
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First church,
" Second church,
Templeton,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First church,
" North. — 15.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Daniel Wight, North Ashburnham, Moderator; Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol, Clerk.

XXIV. Worcester South, Organized June 17, 1828.

Churches, — all in Worcester County:

Blackstone,
Douglas,
" East,
Grafton,
" Saundersville,
Millbury, First church,
" Second church,
Northbridge,
" Whitinsville,
Sutton,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Westborough. — 14.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and October.

Rev. William T. Briggs, Douglas, Secretary; Dea. William C. Capron, Uxbridge, Treasurer.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JULY 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Spencer F. Beard,	1829, Jan. 14.	1859, Jan.	Andover.	Retired.
Joseph Boardman,	1861.	1870, Oct. 18.	West Dracut.	A. P.
Benjamin F. Clark,	1839, Aug. 1.	1840, June 13.	N. Chelmsford.	W. C.
Leonard Z. Ferris,	1865, Nov. 30.	1870, June 7.	Lawrence.	A. P.
Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug. 23.	1855, Dec. 11.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11.	1853, Feb.	Lowell.	"
Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31.	1868, Feb. 11.	Methuen.	"
Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27.	1855, Dec. 11.	Ballardvale.	"
John M. Greene,		1871, June 28.	Lowell.	A. P.
B. Franklin Hamilton,	1865, June 28.	1866, Apr. 10.	North Andover.	Pastor.
Charles M. Mead,	1866, Aug. 10.	1867, Oct. 9.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26.	1856, June 9.	Andover.	Pastor.
David Oliphant,	1815, May 15.	1855, Dec. 11.		Retired.
William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13.	1867, Dec. 10.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Moses Patten,	1860, June 7.	1869, Apr. 28.	Carlisle.	W. C.
Austin Phelps, D. D.,	1842, Mar. 30.	1866, Apr. 10.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
George Pierce, Jr.,	1863, Oct. 14.	1863, Dec. 8.	*Paterson, N. J.*	Pastor.
Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10.	1862, Apr. 8.	Andover.	"
Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3.	1857, Dec. 8.	Lowell.	"
John L. Taylor, D. D.,	1839, July 18.	1839, Oct. 1.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Richard Tolman,	1845, Sept. 17.	1852, Oct. 12.	*Hampton, Va.*	
Rufus S. Underwood,	1867, Nov. 19.	1869, Apr. 28.		Evangel't.
Albert Watson,	1871, June 27.	1871, June 28.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
George N. Webber, D. D.,	1855, Dec. 5.	1862, Oct. 14.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	Prof. Coll.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Benjamin S. Adams,	1870, July 5.	Rufus C. Flagg,	1871, June 6.
Henry T. Arnold,	" "	Omar W. Folsom,	" "
George W. Barber,	1868, Dec. 8.	George H. French,	1867, Dec. 10.
Thomas R. Beeber,	1871, June 6.	Austin S. Garver,	1870, July 5.
John K. Browne,	" "	James T. Graves,	1869, Oct. 19.
Almon T. Clarke,	" "	Perley M. Griffin,	1871, June 6.
William H. Cobb,	" "	Frederick A. Hand,	1870, July 5.
Charles T. Collins,	1870, July 5.	Henry Ketchum,	1871, June 6.
Joseph Cook,	1867, Dec. 10.	James R. Kilbourn,	" "
Charles E. Coolidge,	1869, Oct. 19.	George W. Kinne,	1870, July 5.
Samuel H. Dana,	1871, June 6.	Burke F. Leavitt,	" "
Charles F. Dole,	1871, June 28.	Thomas M. May,	1871, June 6.
Archibald Duff,	1871, June 6.	Lucian D. Mears,	1869, Oct. 19.
James D. Eaton,	" "	Charles L. Mitchell,	" "
James H. Ecob,	" "	Albert W. Moore,	1871, June 6.
Joseph E. Fiske,	1866, Dec. 11.	George L. Nims,	1869, Oct. 19.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Samuel Ollerenshaw,	1871, June 6.	Darius B. Scott,	1871, June 6.
Frederick Palmer,	1871, June 28.	George H. Scott,	" "
John W. Partridge,	1869, Oct. 19.	Anson P. Tinker,	" "
M. Stuart Phelps,	1871, June 6.	James A. Towle,	1868, Dec. 8.
Henry D. Porter,	1869, Oct. 19.	Louis B. Voorhees,	1870, July 5.
Edward K. Rawson,	1871, June 6.	Thomas R. Willard,	1869, Oct. 19.
Levi Rodgers,	1870, July 5.	Henry C. Woodruff,	1870, July 5.
Andrew J. Rogers,	1869, Oct. 19.	Robert M. Woods,	1871, June 6.
Frederick A. Schauffler,	1870, July 5.	William H. Woodwell,	" "

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in February, June, October, and December.
Rev. Caleb E. Fisher, Lawrence, Scribe.

II. BERKSHIRE NORTH, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Bascom,	1859, Dec.	1861.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.
J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9.	1807.	Becket.	A. P.
Calvin Durfee, D. D.,	1828, Apr. 23.	1855.	Williamstown.	
Ephraim Flint, Jr.,	1867, Sept. 19.	1867.	Hinsdale.	Pastor.
Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20.	1870.	Peru.	"
Nathaniel H. Griffin,	1839, June.	1853.	Williamstown.	Teacher.
M. Hopkins, D. D., LL. D.,	1836, Sept. 15.	1853.	Williamstown.	Pres. Coll.
Sardis B. Morley,	1851, July 9.	1859.	Pittsfield.	
Charles M. Pierce,	1863, Sept. 2.	1869.	Middlefield.	Pastor.
Charles V. Spear,	1852, Oct.	1859.	Pittsfield.	Teacher.
Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14.	1870.	South Adams.	A. P.
Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 14.	1865.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.
John Tatlock, LL. D.,	1852, Oct.	1852.	Pittsfield.	Attorney.
John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 1.	1852.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Monday in March, June, September, and December.
Rev. Ephraim Flint, Jr., Hinsdale, Scribe and Treasurer.

III. BERKSHIRE SOUTH, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles F. Bradley,	1869, Aug. 18.	1868, Aug. 3.	W. Stockbridge.	Pastor.
Josiah Brewer,	1826, May 10.	1863, Jan. 27.	Stockbridge.	Unemp'd.
Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6.	1868, Jan. 28.	Mill River.	Pastor.
George T. Dole,	1842, Oct. 6.	1865, Oct. 31.	Curtisville.	A. P.
Nathl. H. Eggleston,	1845, Feb. 19.	1861, Apr. 30.		
Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22.	1854, Apr. 17.	Lee.	Pastor.
Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23.	1870, May 2.	New Marlboro'.	"
Edward J. Giddings,	1857, Oct. 19.	1863, Jan. 27.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Thomas A. Hall,	1841, June 16.	1852, Oct. 14.	Monterey.	"
John Hartwell,	1859, Sept. 29.	1866, Jan. 30.	Becket.	A. P.
Timothy A. Hazen,	1854, Oct. 11.	1863, July 28.	Housatonic.	Pastor.
Elias C. Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11.	1870, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	"
Amos E. Lawrence,	1848, June 25.	1868, Apr. 27.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29.	1870, July 25.	Sheffield.	Pastor.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles C. C. Painter,	1863, Sept. 22.	1863, Oct. 27.	*Naugatuck, Ct.*	
Lewis Pennell,	1833, Sept. 17.	1855, Jan. 28.	W. Stockbridge Centre.	Pastor,Em.
Winthrop H. Phelps,	1848, Feb. 9.	1852, Oct. 14.	South Egremont.	W. C.
Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1.	1869, Apr. 26.	Gt. Barrington.	Pastor.
Horace S. Shapleigh,	1869, Dec. 8.	1870, Jan. 31.	South Egremont.	"
George M. Smith,	1859, Oct. 19.	1868, Aug. 3.	Lenox.	A. P.
George T. Washburn,	1859, Mar. 22.	1859, July 25.	*Madura, India.*	Mission'y.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Benjamin F. Parsons,	1868, Oct. 26, for four years.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Last Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.
Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe and Treasurer.

IV. BROOKFIELD, ORGANIZED JUNE 22, 1757.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25.	1869, Jan. 12.	Warren.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9.	1869, Jan. 12.	Holland.	"
M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1.	1871, July 6.	Brimfield.	"
Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6.	1871, Apr. 11.	Gilbertville.	"
Richard B. Bull,	1854, Nov.	1871, July 6.	W. Brookfield.	"
Joshua Coit,	1860, Nov. 13.	1861, Oct. 1.	Brookfield.	"
James Cruickshanks,	1858, Sept. 8.	1864, Jan. 6.	Spencer.	W. C.
Gabriel H. De Bevoise.	1865, July 26.	1868, Oct. 13.	N. Brookfield.	Pastor.
John Dodge,	1842, June 13.	1868, Jan. 14.	New Braintree.	"
John Haven,	1836, Dec. 4.	1851, June 10.	Charlton.	"
Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17.	1869, Oct. 13.	Southbridge.	"
Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.,	1844, Sept. 18.	1856, Jan. 1.	Ware.	"
Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7.	1863, Sept. 13.	Sturbridge.	"
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1869, Oct. 13.	Barre.	"
William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16.	1862, Sept. 30.	Ware.	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
George S. Dodge,	Apr. 12, 1871, for three years.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in January, April, June, July and October.
Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

V. CAPE COD, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Beard,		1870, Jan. 17.	Andover. (?)	W. C. (?)
David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29.	1865, Apr. 18.	Abington.	A. P.
A. Parke Burgess,	1858, April.	1868, Jan. 14.	Duxbury.	"
Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10.	1862, Nov. 11.	Newtonville.	Pastor.
Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822, Aug. 24.	1836, June.	Yarmouth Port.	W. C.
John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6.	1869, May 7.	Yarmouth.	Pastor.
Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1869, Apr. 20.	Wellfleet.	"
Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29.	1871, Jan. 31.	Harwich Port.	"
Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20.	1862, Nov. 11.	West Barnstable.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William Leonard,		1871, Apr. 18.	East Dennis.	A. P.
Joseph R. Munsell,	1831, Oct.	1861, April.	*Vermont.*	
Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26.	1850, April.	Truro.	Pastor.
J. W. C. Pike,		1870, Jan. 17.	South Wellfleet.	A. P.
Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22.	1870, Jan. 17.	North Falmouth.	"
William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 9.	1870, Apr. 19.	South Dennis.	Pastor.
Edwin Seabury,	1840, June 18.	1865, Apr. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Harvey M. Stone,	1848, Nov. 2.	1865, April.	*Rochester, N. H.*	Pastor.
Christopher J. Switzer,	1867, Jan. 10.	1867, Apr. 16.		
John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28.	1866, April.	*Maine.*	

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in January, April, and October.

Rev. John W. Dodge, Yarmouth, Moderator; Rev. Wm. C. Reed, South Dennis, Secretary.

VI. ESSEX NORTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 8, 1761.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17.	1868, Sept. 8.	West Haverhill.	Pastor.
William F. Bacon,	1867, Sept. 26.	1868, Apr. 21.	Amesbury.	W. C.
Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14.	1870, Apr. 19.	Rowley.	Pastor.
Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30.	1838, Feb. 28.	Newburyport.	"
John P. Cowles,	1833, June 18.	1844, Aug.	Ipswich.	Teacher.
[Charles S. Durfee,	1869, Sept. 8.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	Pas. *Presb.*]
Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18.	1847, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Joshua S. Gay,	1848, Jan. 27.	1866, Oct. 17.	*Brookfield, Vt.*	A. P.
Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15.	1868, Dec. 15.	West Amesbury.	Pastor.
Charles M. Hyde,	1862, Oct. 19.	1871, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	"
Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1.	1866, June 19.	Salisbury.	W. C.
John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24.	1866, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	Pastor.
Elbridge P. McElroy,	1870, Feb. 23.	1870, Oct. 18.	East Weymouth.	A. P.
Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6.	1865, Oct. 18.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
John C. Paine,	1838, June 6.	1871, Feb. 21.	Groveland.	"
Calvin E. Park,	1838, Oct. 31.	1847, Feb. 24.	West Boxford.	Teacher.
John Pike, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1842, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
James Powell,	1860, Nov. 24.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Raymond H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July 5.	1862, Apr. 15.	Haverhill.	"
Egbert C. Smythe, D. D.,	1856, July 22.	1867, Apr. 16.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Saml. J. Spalding, D. D.,	1840, Oct. 26.	1852, Apr. 28.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30.	1855, June 20.	North Woburn.	A. P.
Leon'd Withington, D. D.,	1816, Oct. 31.	1817, June 10.	Newbury.	Sen. P.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Charles D. Barrows,	1870, June 14.	Charles W. Park,	1869, Oct. 20.
Oliver P. Emerson,	" "	Charles H. Rowley,	1870, June 14.
George A. Jackson,	" "	John Wadhams,	" "
Stephen M. Newman,	" "		

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, D. D., Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., Newburyport, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized September 3, 1717.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3.	1869, June 8.	Peabody.	Pastor.
Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23.	1864, Dec. 6.	Salem.	"
James Brand,	1869, Oct. 6.	1870, Feb. 1.	Danvers.	"
Dana Clayes,	1821, July 4.	1862, June 3.	Wakefield,	W. C.
Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29.	1868, Apr. 7.	Salem.	Pastor.
Brown Emerson, D. D.,	1805, Apr. 24.		Salem.	"
James Fletcher,	1849, June 20.		Danvers.	Teacher.
S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29.	1864, Dec. 6.	Hamilton.	Pastor.
Wakefield Gale,	1826, May 17.		Easthampton.	W. C.
Eli W. Harrington,	1837, Apr. 26.	1864, Oct. 18.	North Beverly.	"
Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16.	1869, Apr. 7.	Lynnfield.	A. P.
George B. Jewett, D. D.,	1855.	1859, Nov. 1.	Salem.	W. C.
Orpheus T. Lanphear,	1849.	1868, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	Pastor.
Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12.	1864, Apr. 10.	Ipswich.	"
Charles R. Palmer,	1860, Aug. 29.	1861, Jan. 1.	Salem.	"
William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1.	1868, Apr. 7.	Ipswich.'	"
Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7.	1859, Mar. 1.	Saugus Centre.	"
J. Henry Thayer,	1859, Dec. 29.	1860, Mar. 6.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles Van Norden,	1866, Nov. 14.	1868, June 2.	Beverly.	Pastor.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
J. A. Kellogg, Danvers,	June 7, 1870.

Times of Meeting.— First Tuesday in February, April, June, October, and December.
Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

VIII. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward O. Bartlett,		1867, Feb. 13.	*Providence, R. I.*	Pastor.
Edward P. Basset,	1857, Mar. 25.	1868, Nov. 11.	Warwick.	"
Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6.	1856, May 13.		
Edmund H. Blanchard,	1860, Apr. 25.	1861, May 15.		
Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11.	1859, Nov. 8.	Northfield.	Pastor.
Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20.	1858, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	"
Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4.	1869, May 12.	Wendell.	A. P.
Elijah Cutler,	1863, Sept. 9.	1863, Nov. 10.		
S. R. Dole,	1865, Nov. 16.	1867, May 15.		
Andrew B. Foster,	1844, June 16.	1865, Nov. 14.	Orange.	W. C.
Henry Haskell,	1862, Aug. 13.	1862, Sept. 24.	*Turkey.*	Mission'y.
Phineas C. Headley,	1849, Feb. 9.	1857, Nov. 3.	Boston.	W. C.
Simon L. Hobbs,	1854, Sept.	1870, May 11.	Erving.	A. P.
William W. Howland,	1845, Oct. 12.	1858, Feb. 10.	*Ceylon.*	Mission'y.
Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept.	1870, Nov. 8.	Shelburne Falls.	Pastor.
Samuel H. Lee,	1862, Sept. 17.	1867, May 15.	Greenfield.	"
Aretas G. Loomis,	1850, Jan.	1868, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	W. C.
Charles Lord,	1843, Oct. 20.	1856, Nov. 1.	Buckland.	Pastor.
A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 30.	1871, May 9.	Shelburne.	"
Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14.	1863, Nov. 10.	Bernardston.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	1847, May 6.	1871, Feb. 14.	South Deerfield.	Pastor.
Eli Moody,	1818, Aug. 12.	1862, Aug. 19.	Montague.	Retired.
Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28.	1865, May 10.	Montague.	Pastor.
Theophilus Packard,	1828, Mar. 12.	1865, May 9.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13.	1868, Nov. 11.	Sunderland.	Pastor.
Jeremiah Pomeroy,	1833, Oct. 7.	1853, Feb. 1.	South Deerfield.	W. C.
Benjamin W. Pond,	1862, Jan. 28.	1867, May 15.	*York, Me.*	Pastor.
Edmund S. Potter,	1843, Aug. 23.	1866, Nov. 13.	Greenfield.	A.P. in Gill.
Edward W. Root,	1863.	1867, Feb. 13.	*Westerly, R. I.*	
Robert Samuel,	1859, Nov. 6.	1866, May 7.	West Hawley.	A. P.
D. T. Savage,	1861, Oct. 16.	1871, Feb. 15.	Charlemont.	W. C.
P. A. Schwarz,	1857, June.	1863, Nov. 10.	Greenfield.	Among Germans.
Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1.	1843, May.	East Hawley.	A. P.
David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21.	1849, May.	Coleraine.	Pastor.
William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30.	1869, Feb. 10.	Conway.	"
William K. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21.	1866, Aug. 15.	Packardville.	"
Webster Woodbury,	1868, Sept. 9.	1869, Feb. 10.	*Skowhegan, Me.*	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
James C. Greenough,	1867, Aug. 13.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. Samuel H. Lee, Greenfield, Scribe; Rev. David A. Strong, Treasurer.

IX. HAMPDEN EAST, ORGANIZED JUNE 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William B. Bond,	1840, May 18.	1866, Feb. 6.	*Chicago, Ill.*	
Henry J. Bruce,	1862, Sept. 11.	1862, Nov. 11.	*India.*	Mission'y.
S. G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24.	1847, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	Pastor.
Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12.	1868, Nov. 10.	So. Wilbraham.	"
Eli B. Clark,	1839, Oct. 16.	1844, June 12.	Chicopee.	"
Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5.	1860, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	"
Chester L. Cushman,	1856, Nov. 20.	1868, July 1.	Ludlow.	"
Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11.	1870, Feb. 8.	E. Longmeadow.	"
Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12.	1868, July 1.	Palmer Depot.	"
Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25.	1866, July 17.	Springfield.	"
Charles Hammond,	1855, Oct. 9.	1864, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1.	1851, Feb. 4.	Longmeadow.	Pastor.
Samuel Harrison,	1850, Jan. 1.	1867, Nov. 12.	*Portland, Me.*	A. P.
Allen Hazen,		1861, July 12.	*India.*	Mission'y.
Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20.	1869, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	Pastor.
Richard Knight,	1837, May.	1857, July 16.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20.	1869, July 6.	Chicopee.	"
Milan C. Stebbins,		1866, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2.	1868, Feb. 4.	Monson.	Pastor.
Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16.	1868, May 5.	Chicopee Falls.	"
James Tufts,		1854, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Licentiate.	Approbated.	Licentiate.	Approbated.
William E. Boies, unlimited,	1860, May 1.	John M. Chapin,	1871, May 9.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. Eli B. Clark, Chicopee, Register and Statistical Scribe.

X. Hampden West, Organized June 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry Cooley,	1846, Dec. 2.	1867.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct.	1868.	Chester Centre.	Pastor.
Archibald Geikie,	1846, Mar. 4.	1864.	East Granville.	
[James C. Greenough,]	*Not ordained.*	1868.	Westfield.	Teacher in Nor. Sch.
Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1.	1868.	W. Springfield.	Pastor.
Charles J. Hinsdale,	1823, June 15.	1836.	Blandford.	W. C.
Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23.	1867.	Westfield.	Pastor.
Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24.	1867.	Blandford.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	1846, May 7.	1846.	Holyoke.	Pastor.
Ralph Perry,	1844, Jan. 3.	1844.	Agawam.	"
Elias H. Richardson,	1854, May 18.	1867.	Westfield.	"
Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21.	1866.	Chester.	A. P.
Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20.	1866.	Feeding Hills.	"
John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4.	1868.	Holyoke.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in February, June, September, and November.

Rev. Henry Hopkins, Westfield, Register and Statistical Scribe.

XI. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Marshall B. Angier,	1853, June 8.	1869, Oct. 20.		W. C.
Pliny F. Barnard,		1871, Feb. 7.	Westhampton.	Pastor.
John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20.	1837, Feb. 7.	Huntington.	"
Edward Clarke,	1839, June 13.	1839, Aug. 6.	Chesterfield.	A. P.
Solomon Clarke,	1841, Apr. 12.	1861, Feb. 5.	Plainfield.	"
Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20.	1867, Feb. 5.	Florence.	Pastor.
Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10.	1854, May 24.	Easthampton.	"
Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 11.	1871, Feb. 7.		
Joseph F. Gaylord,	1867, Nov. 7.	1870, June 7.	Worthington.	Pastor.
Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25.	1853, May 3.	Northampton.	"
Sidney Holman,	1833, Jan. 16.	1863, May 5.		
Erastus Hopkins,	1835, Apr. 6.	1866, Feb. 7.	Northampton.	W. C.
James P. Kimball,	1857, May 12.	1871, Feb. 7.	Haydenville.	A. P.
William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec.	1867, May 28.	Northampton.	Pastor.
Ephraim Lyman,	1835, Oct. 28.	1864, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	W. C.
David S. Morgan,	1867, June 26.	1868, Oct. 20.	*Montello, Wis.*	A.P. *Presb.*
Thomas H. Rood,	1848, Dec. 20.	1854, Nov. 7.	Westfield.	W. C.
Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17.	1864, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	Pastor.
Townsend Walker,	1844, Mar. 14.	1869, Feb. 2.	Goshen.	"
Oliver Warner,	1844, June 5.	1845, Mar. 25.	Boston.	Sec. of Com.
Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26.	1869, Feb. 2.	Southampton.	Pastor.
Ebenezer B. Wright,	1819, Dec. 8.	1842, May 3.	Huntington.	W. C.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Charles W. Parkhurst, Easthampton,	1871, June 7.

Times of Meeting. — First Tuesday in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. Ephraim Lyman, Northampton, Scribe and Treasurer.

XII. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12.	1848, Feb. 8.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20.	1858, Nov. 9.	Prescott.	"
Warren H. Beaman,	1841, Sept. 15.	1841, Nov. 16.	North Hadley.	"
Henry B. Blake,	1845, Jan. 1.	1856, Feb. 12.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	
Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 6.	1843, Nov. 14.	Greenwich.	Pastor.
Franklin P. Chapin,	1857, Nov. 10.	1869, Sept. 21.	Amherst.	Sup. of Sch.
Edward P. Crowell,		1865, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25.	1854, May 9.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12.	1841, Nov. 16.	New Salem.	A. P.
Edward C. Ewing,	1863, Nov. 5.	1867, Dec. 17.	Enfield.	Pastor.
George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27.	1867, Dec. 17.	S. Hadley Falls.	"
Dana Goodsell,		1841.	*Phila., Penn.*	W. C.
William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 18.	1869, Feb. 5.	North Amherst.	Pastor.
Henry L. Hubbell,	1861, Apr. 24.	1861, July 9.	*Ann Arbor, Mich.*	"
Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 17.	1869, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	"
H. G. Jesup,	1854, Apr. 26.	1866, Dec. 18.	Amherst.	W. C.
Matthew Kingman,	1845, June 26.	1867, Sept. 17.	Amherst.	"
John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17.	1861, Jan. 9.	Whately.	Pastor.
Charles D. Lothrop,	1854, Dec. 14.	1866, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	W. C.
George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 12.	1870, Dec. 20.	Amherst.	Pastor.
Robert McEwen, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 10.	1842, Nov. 9.	*New London, Ct.*	W. C.
Richard H. Mather,		1869, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Julius H. Seelye, D. D.,	1853, Aug. 8.	1865, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	"
John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct. 9.	1870, Dec. 20.	Hatfield.	Pastor.
Wm. A. Stearns, D. D.,	1831, Dec. 14.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	Pres. Coll.
William Tyler,	1819, Feb. 24.	1841, Nov. 16.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William S. Tyler, D. D.,	1859, Oct. 5.	1841, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Aaron Warner, D. D.,	1823, Sept. 25.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
C. M. Jones, four years,	1866, Feb. 6.	M. H. Pasco, four years,	1867, June 4.
Wm. L. Montague, four yrs.,	1867, Feb. 5.	Henry M. Tyler, four years,	1868, Dec. 22.

Times of Meeting. — Tuesday next after the first Sabbath in February and June; and Tuesday next after the third Sabbath in September and December.

Rev. Charles D. Lothrop, Amherst, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIII. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 26.	1869, Mar. 8.	Norfolk.	Pastor.
Noadiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26.	1858, June.	Foxborough.	W. C.
John E. Edwards,	1840, Apr. 6.	1865, June.	Blackstone.	Pastor.
Sewall Harding,	1821, Jan. 17.	1843, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2.	1815, May.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26.	1856, April.	Mansfield.	"
Luther Keene,	1863, Feb. 11.	1868, Sept. 8.	Franklin.	"
S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29.	1869, Mar. 9.	Milford.	"
Caleb Kimball,	1832.	1854, Jan.	Medway Village.	Disabled.
Stephen Knowlton,	1865.	1866, June.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Poor,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, April.	*Romeo, Mich.*	Teacher.
Jacob Roberts,	1839, July 17.	1858, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William L. Ropes,	1853, Sept. 14.	1853, Oct.	Andover.	Librarian at Andover Theo. Sem.
David Sanford,	1828, May 29.	1838, April.	Medway Village.	Pastor.
William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9.	1868, Dec. 8.	No. Wrentham.	A. P.

Licentiates, — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesday in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Medfield, Moderator; Rev. Jesse K. Bragg, Norfolk, Scribe.

XIV. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, ORGANIZED JUNE 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Colby,	1855, Oct. 31.	1864, Oct. 11.	Southborough.	Pastor.
Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29.	1869, Apr. 7.	Ashland.	"
Erastus Dickinson,	1835, Sept. 25.	1656, Apr. 8.	*New Jersey.*	W. C.
Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10.	1839, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10.	1869, Apr. 7.	Wayland.	"
George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28.	1870, Apr. 5.	Hopkinton.	"
Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15.	1870, Oct. 4.	Saxonville.	"
Jesse H. Jones,	1861, May 19.	1869, Oct. 5.	East Abington.	A. P.
Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28.	1871, June 27.	Holliston.	Pastor.
Birdsey G. Northrop,	1847, Mar. 7.	1847, May 4.	*Hartford, Ct.*	Sec. Conn. Board of Education.
Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28.	1869, Apr. 7.	Lynn.	A. P.
George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23.	1866, Apr. 3.	Wellesley.	Pastor.
William H. Phipps,	1866, Aug. 29.	1871, Jan. 3.	Cordaville.	A. P.
Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6.	1861, Apr. 2.	Lincoln.	Pastor.
Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4.	1869, Apr. 7.	Chelsea.	W. C.
Josiah H. Temple,	1845, Sept. 30.	1870, July 5.	Framingham.	"
Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19.	1870, July 5.	Sudbury.	Pastor.
Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30.	1870, July 5.	Marlborough.	"
Charles M. Tyler,	1857, May.	1860, July 5.	*Chicago, Ill.*	"
Charles H. S. Williams,	1868, Jan. 16.	1868, July 7.	*New York.*	Lawyer.

Licentiates, — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Moderator; Rev. John Colby, Southborough, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XV. MIDDLESEX UNION, ORGANIZED JANUARY, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29.	1866, Nov. 7.	Leominster.	Pastor.
Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7.	1864, Sept. 6.	Auburn.	A. P.
Alfred Emerson,	1845, Oct. 15.	1858, July 6.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Robert W. Fuller,	1841, June 10.	1861, Jan. 1.	Stowe.	"
Ogden Hall,	1858, Oct. 13.	1866, Nov. 7.		
Edwin R. Hodgman,	1849, May 17.	1859, May 3.	Westford.	Agent.
Amos Holbrook,	1866, May 9.	1866, Sept. 3.	East Douglas.	A. P.
John C. Hutchinson,	1859, Dec. 20.	1864, Mar. 1.	Richmond.	
William C. Jackson,	1835, Oct. 13.	1859, Sept. 6.	*Brentwood, N. H.*	A. P.
John E. B. Jewett,	1851, Sept. 10.	1861, May 7.	Pepperell.	Teacher.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Elihu Loomis,	1851, Oct. 22.	1855, Jan. 2.		
Leonard Luce,	1829, Apr. 8.	1829, July 21.	Westford.	W. C.
Daniel McClenning,	1869, April.	1870, July 5.	Boxborough.	A. P.
William A. Mandell,	1842, Apr. 2.	1856, Jan. 1.	Cambridge.	L. Ins. Agt.
George N. Marden,	1862, Oct. 9.	1863, May 5.	*Farmington, Me.*	Pastor.
George H. Morss,	1864, May 11.	1870, Jan. 4.	Townsend.	"
Horace Parker,	1861, May 31.	1864, Mar. 1.	Pepperell.	"
William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 28.	1866, Jan. 2.	Williamsburg.	"
George H. Pratt,	1866, Oct. 11.	1866, Nov. 7.	Harvard.	"
Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16.	1868, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	"
George Trask,	1830, Sept. 15.	1856, Jan. 1.	Fitchburg.	A. T.
George Williams,	1865, Oct. 25.	1868, Nov. 10.	*Somerset, Mich.*	A. P.
Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12.	1868, Mar.	Rehoboth.	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Charles H. Whitney,	1871, May 9.

TIMES OF MEETING.— First Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, Westford, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XVI. NORFOLK, ORGANIZED MAY 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frederick R. Abbe,	1857, Sept. 3.	1858, Jan. 26.	Boston.	Pastor.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb.	1868, Apr. 28.	Groton.	"
L. Wheaton Allen,	1869, Oct. 13.	1871, Jan. 30.	South Braintree.	"
S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22.	1869, Apr. 27.	Sharon.	"
Edward L. Clark,	1860, Aug. 8.	1866, Jan. 30.	*New Haven, Ct.*	"
Lysander Dickerman,	1858, Apr. 29.	1862, July 29.	*In Europe.*	
Benjamin Dodge,	1848.	1867, Jan. 29.	North Abington.	Ins. Agt.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1848, Oct. 31.	Shrewsbury.	Pastor.
Lucius R. Eastman,	1837, Nov. 24.	1838, Jan. 30.	Boston.	W. C.
Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12.	1858, Oct. 26.	N. Middleboro'.	A. P.
Joshua Emery,	1835, May 15.	1838, Jan. 30.	N. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24.	1867, Jan. 29.	Hingham.	"
John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4.	1866, July 31.	Randolph.	"
Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5.	1871, Jan. 30.	Worcester.	"
Jonas Perkins,	1815, June 14.	1816, Oct. 30.	Braintree.	Retired.
Lebbeus R. Phillips,	1841, July 29.	1841, Oct. 26.	Groton.	Farmer.
Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, July 28.	N. Weymouth.	W. C.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	1836, June 22.	1851, Jan.	E. Randolph.	Pastor.
Alexander J. Sessions,	1836, June 6.	1864, Jan. 6.	Brookline.	W. C.
Richard S. Storrs, D. D.,	1811, June 3.	1812, Apr. 29.	Braintree.	Pastor.
Albert K. Teele,	1854, July 15.	1852, April.	Milton.	"
James P. Terry,	1839, Dec. 4.	1849, Jan. 30.	*In Europe.*	
Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3.	1868, Oct. 27.	E. Boston.	A. P.
Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 15.	1845, Jan. 28.	Bridgewater.	Pastor.
James W. Ward,	1834, May 21.	1834, July 29.	Lakeville.	W. C.
Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1.	1856, April.	Stoughton.	Pastor.
Charles W. Wood,	1839, Oct. 29.	1858, Apr. 27.	Campello.	"

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Last Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., Braintree, Moderator; Rev. John C. Labaree, Randolph, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVII. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Homer Barrows,	1836, June 1.	1853, Oct. 26.	Lakeville.	A. P.
Daniel C. Burt,	1835, July 1.	1835, July 28.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Timothy F. Clary,	1849, Dec. 12.	1864, July 20.	Wareham.	Ins. Agent.
Leander Cobb,	1827, Sept. 27.	1841, July 27.	Marion.	Pastor.
Nathaniel Cobb,	1827, Oct. 31.	1851, Apr. 30.	Kingston.	Evangelist.
James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12.	1865, Apr. 18.	Waquoit.	A. P.
Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29.	1863, Oct. 20.	Taunton.	"
William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5.	1870, Dec. 20.	Acushnet.	Pastor in New Bedford.
Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25.	1866, Feb. 20.	So. Dartmouth.	Pastor.
John M. Lord,	1857.	1865, Dec. 19.		
Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6.	1867, July 2.	West Barnstable.	W. C.
Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27.	1864, July 20.	New Bedford.	Pastor.
C. M. Terry, *Lic.*,	*Not ordained.*	1870, Dec. 20.	New Bedford.	P. E.
Isaiah C. Thacher,	1844, Dec. 25.	1845, Apr. 29.	Wareham.	A. P.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Nehemiah Lincoln, New Bedford,	1871, April.

Times of Meeting. — Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher, Wareham, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVIII. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30.	1859, Aug. 16.	Charlestown.	W. C.
Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5.	1858, May 18.	Marshfield.	Pastor.
Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6.	1871, May 16.	Hanover.	A. P.
Daniel H. Babcock,	1839, Nov. 7.	1867, May 21.	East Falmouth.	"
David Bremner,	1855, May 2.	1866, May 15.	*Derry, N. H.*	Pastor.
A. Parke Burgess,	1858, April.	1871, May 16.	Duxbury.	A. P.
Samuel W. Cozzens, D.D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1870, Aug. 16.	South Plymouth.	"
William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8.	1866, Nov. 20.	Halifax.	Pastor.
Joseph Freeman,	1844, Mar. 10.	1859, Aug. 16.	*York, Me.*	A. P.
Ebenezer Gay,	1818, Jan. 7.	1864, Feb. 16.	Bridgewater.	W. C.
Frederick Janes,	1837.	1870, Aug. 16.	North Carver.	A. P.
Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30.	1859, May 17.	Kingston.	"
Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25.	1870, Nov. 15.	Scituate.	"
Baalis Sanford,	1827, Oct. 4.	1858, Aug. 17.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Enoch Sanford,	1823, Oct. 2.	1858, Nov. 30.	Raynham.	"
James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3.	1870, Aug. 16.	East Marshfield.	Pastor.
Benjamin Southworth,	1859, Feb. 24.	1861, Feb. 19.	*Maine.*	
George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21.	1870, May 17.	Plymouth.	Pastor.
Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7.	1869, May 18.	Plympton.	"
Francis F. Williams,	1853, Dec. 7.	1867, Feb. 19.	*Connecticut.*	

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Marshfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIX. Salem, Organized October 15, 1840.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Benjamin R. Allen,	1829, Sept. 10.	1855.	Marblehead.	Pastor.
Milton P. Braman, D. D.,	1826, Apr. 12.	1850.	Danvers.	W. C.
Levi Brigham,	1837, Mar. 15.	1851.	Saugus Centre.	Pastor.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1866.	*Calais, Me.*	
Alexander C. Childs,	1853, May 18.	1867.	*W. Charlest'n, Vt.*	A. P.
William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9.	1850.	Boxford.	
James W. Cooper,	1868, Sept. 10.	1868.	Rockport.	Pastor.
Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3.	1865.	Lynn.	"
Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7.	1870.	Middleton.	"
Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept.	1869.	Boxford.	"
George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1.	1869.	Manchester.	"
Francis Homes,	1854, Oct. 29.	1866.	Andover.	
Edw. A. Lawrence, D.D.,	1839, May 15.	1868.	Marblehead.	Pastor.
Anson McLoud,	1841, Dec. 8.	1850.	Topsfield.	
D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept.	1869.	Georgetown.	Pastor.
Allen D. Morehouse,	1865, June 18.	1870.	Essex.	"
Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7.	1864.	Danvers.	"
John S. Sewall,	1859, Apr. 20.	1859.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof. Coll.
Jotham B. Sewall,	1855, Feb. 28.	1855.	*Brunswick, Me.*	" "
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1865.	Barre.	Pastor.
Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19.	1865.	*Central City, Col.*	
Isaiah C. Thacher,	1844, Dec. 25.	1867.	Wareham.	Pastor.
John Thompson,		1868.	Swampscott.	A. P.
Joseph Tracy, D. D.,	1821, June 26.	1851.	Beverly.	
Jas. M. Whiton, PH. D.,	1865, May 10.	1865.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15.	1868.	Wenham.	"

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Will C. Wood, Wenham, Scribe.

XX. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward Abbott,	1863, July 28.	1865, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	Ed. Cong.
George E. Allen,	1858, May 20.	1858, Sept. 28.	East Somerville.	W. C.
Marcus Ames,	1854, June 28.	1861, June 18.	Lancaster.	"
Rufus Anderson, D. D.,	1826, May 10.	1827, Dec. 18.	Boston.	"
Abijah R. Baker, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1838, Aug. 29.	Dorchester.	"
Wm. Barrows, D. D.,	1845, Sept. 4.	1850, Sept. 23.	Reading.	Sec. Cong. Pub. Soc.
Charles C. Beaman,	1839, June 25.	1868, Apr. 21.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1.	1871, Feb. 21.	East Cambridge.	Pastor.
Joel S. Bingham, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 20.	1863, June 16.	*Dubuque, Iowa.*	"
Geo. W. Blagden, D. D.,	1827, Dec. 25.	1828, Oct. 28.	Boston.	"
Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23.	1869, Oct. 19.	Everett.	"
Asa Bullard,	1832, Jan. 13.	1835, Oct. 27.	Boston.	Sec. Cong. Pub. Soc.
William Bushnell, M. D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1842, Dec. 27.	Boston.	Physician.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1861, June 18.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
Sereno D. Clark,	1840, June 11.	1865, Sept. 19.		

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Dorus Clarke, D. D.,	1823, Feb. 23.	1842, Oct. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
N. George Clarke, D. D.,	1857, Oct.	1866, June.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Christopher Cushing, D.D.,	1849, Feb. 7.	1868, June 9.	Cambridge.	Sec. Am. Cong. Union.
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1.	1867, Oct. 15.	Framingham.	Pastor.
Stedman W. Hanks,		1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridge.	Sec. Sea. Friend Soc.
John Haskell,	1850, Dec. 25.	1865, Sept. 19.	*Jewett City, Ct.*	
Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20.	1871, Feb. 21.	Boston.	Pastor.
Samuel E. Herrick,	1863, Oct. 13.	1865, Feb. 21.	Boston.	"
Edwin Johnson,	1852.	1859, Dec. 27.	*Bridgeport, Ct.*	"
Isaac P. Langworthy,	1841, Nov. 10.	1842, Oct. 25.	Chelsea.	Sec. Am. Cong. Assoc.
George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29.	1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28.	1867, Apr. 16.	Cambridge.	"
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1858, Sept. 28.	Wellesley.	Editor.
David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2.	1867, Dec. 17.	No. Cambridge.	Pastor.
James B. Miles,	1855, Jan. 2.	1856, Feb. 26.	Charlestown.	"
[Jas. O. Murray, *Presb.*,	1854, Oct. 26.	1862, Apr. 15.	*New York.*	Pastor *Presb. Ch.*]
Ebenezer Newhall,	1823, Dec. 17.	1866, Apr. 17.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
J. H. Northrup,		1852, Apr. 27.	*Millville, N. J.*	
John B. Perry,	1855, Dec. 12.	1869, Apr. 20.	Cambridge.	Professor.
Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10.	1859, Feb. 22.	Chelsea.	Pastor.
Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1.	1869, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	"
Francis G. Pratt,	1849, Oct. 19.	1850, Feb. 26.	Middleborough.	W. C.
J. Eames Rankin, D. D.,	1855, Feb. 27.	1865, Feb. 21.	*Washinyton, D.C.*	Pastor.
Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19.	1870, Apr. 19.	Revere.	"
Calvin Terry,	1846, Dec. 20.	1861, June 18.	N. Weymouth.	W. C.
Edward P. Thwing,	1858, Sept. 23.	1868, Apr. 21.	*Maine.*	
Heman R. Timlow,		1871, Feb. 21.	Walpole.	Pastor.
Kinsley Twining,	1858, Aug. 26.	1867, Sept. 17.	Cambridgeport.	"
Samuel H. Virgin,	1868, Oct. 27.	1869, Feb. 23.	No. Somerville.	"
John Whitney,	1837, Nov. 8.	1839, July 22.		

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in February, April, June, September, October, and December.

Rev. ——— ———, ———, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXI. SUFFOLK SOUTH, ORGANIZED JANUARY 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Nehemiah Adams, D. D.,	1830, Dec. 17.	1835, Jan. 6.	Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2.	1860, Jan. 3.	South Boston.	"
Rowland H. Allen,	1865, Nov. 1.	1866, Jan. 2.	Neponset, Boston.	"
Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30.	1863, May 19.	South Dedham.	A. P.
Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27.	1857, Nov. 3.	Arlington.	Pastor.
John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29.	1865, May 2.	Royalston.	"
Perley B. Davis,	1861, Jan. 29.	1863, July 7.	Hyde Park.	"
Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29.	1871, Jan. 2.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7.	1863, May 19.	Dedham.	"
William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15.	1861, Nov. 15.	Needham.	A. P.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry B. Hooker, D. D.,	1825, Oct. 10.	1858, Nov. 9.	Boston.	Sec.
William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30.	1868, Sept. 15.	West Roxbury.	Pastor.
Edward N. Kirk, D. D.,	1828, Oct. 23.	1842, Oct. 4.	Boston.	"
Benjamin Labaree, D. D.,	1831, Sept. 26.	1871, May 2.	West Roxbury.	W. C.
James H. Means,	1848, July 13.	1868, Jan. 7.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3.	1857, Oct. 6.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Charles L. Mills,	1838.	1868, Mar. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Henry M. Parsons,	1854, Nov. 15.	1871, Mar. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.
Francis B. Perkins,	1860, Feb. 15.	1865, Jan. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Lemuel S. Potwin,	1860, Oct. 3.	1865, July 11.	*Hudson, O.*	
Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2.	1867, Nov. 12.	South Boston.	Pastor.
L. Burton Rockwood,	1845, Apr. 18.	1863, Mar. 3.	Bost. Highlands.	Sec. A.T.S., (N. E. Br.)
Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13.	1868, Jan. 7.	Centreville.	A. P.
Henry M. Tenney,	1868, Oct. 21.	1869, Mar. 2.	*Winona, Minn.*	
Aug. C. Thompson, D. D.,	1842, July 27.	1842, Nov. 1.	Bost. Highlands.	Pastor.
Selah B. Treat,	1836, Mar. 24.	1844, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Jona. E. Woodbridge,	1835, Jan.	1865, Sept. 5.	Auburndale.	W. C.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Perley B. Davis, Hyde Park, Scribe and Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.

XXII. SUFFOLK WEST, ORGANIZED JANUARY 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	1858, July 21.	1867, Jan. 8.	Watertown.	W. C.
Daniel Butler,	1838, Oct. 13.	1868, Apr. 7.	Waverley.	Sec. Bib.So.
Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10.	1868, Dec. 8.	Newtonville.	Pastor.
Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12.	1868, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	"
John DeWitt,	1865, June 9.	1870, Feb. 22.	Boston.	"
Henry M. Dexter, D. D.,	1844, Nov. 6.	1867, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Editor.
Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1.	1867, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	Pastor.
James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grantville.	"
Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21.	1869.	North Village, Newton.	"
Daniel P. Noyes,	1849, Apr. 18.	1867, Feb. 6.	Longwood.	Sec. Ho.Ev.
David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21.	1867, Apr. 2.	Brighton.	Pastor.
Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16.	1867, Jan. 8.	West Newton.	"
Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Apr. 10.	1867, Apr. 2.	Waltham.	"
Increase N. Tarbox, D. D.,	1842, Nov. 22.	1867, Apr. 2.	West Newton.	Sec. A.E.So.
John E. Todd,	1860, Feb. 2.	1867, Feb. 6.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Pastor.
Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19.	1869, Oct. 12.	Waverley.	"
Israel P. Warren, D. D.,	1842, Apr. 20.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin B. Webb. D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11.	1867, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Pastor.
Josh. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton.	"
William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2.	1868, Apr. 7.	Boston.	"

Licentiates, for three years.	Approbated.	Licentiates, for three years.	Approbated.
Horace Bumstead,	1869, Oct. 12.	James F. Merriam,	1869, Oct. 12.
Henry M. Dexter,	1869, Oct. 12.	Nathan R. Nichols,	1869, Oct. 12.
D. P. Lindsley,	1871, Feb. 28.		

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesday of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. James M. Hubbard, Grantville, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIII. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William W. Adams,	1860, Jan. 26.	1864, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	Pastor.
William H. Bessom,	1863, Feb. 23.	1864, Nov. 29.	East Boston.	W. C.
Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 24.	1856, July 29.	Taunton.	Pastor.
Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20.	1865, July 18.		Travelling in Palestine.
Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25.	1871, Jan. 11.	Fall River.	Pastor.
Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16.	1869, Nov. 10.	Somerset.	W. C.
Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24.	1869, Apr. 13.	Falmouth.	A. P.
Ebenezer Dawes, Jr.,	1804, Sept. 8.	1860, Nov. 20.	Dighton.	"
Abel G. Duncan,	1829, May 13.	1857, Mar. 31.	Scotland.	"
Henry C. Fay,	1859, Dec. 29.	1867, Apr. 16.	Harwich Port.	Pastor.
John W. Haley,	1864, Sept. 23.	1869, Nov. 10.		W. C.
Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23.	1866, Mar. 27.	Westport.	Pastor.
Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29.	1826, Nov. 21.	Taunton.	"
Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2.	1866, Aug. 1.	Attleborough.	"
Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9.	1868, Apr. 21.	East Taunton.	A. P.
Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17.	1861, Mar. 26.	West Taunton.	Pastor.
James A. Roberts,	1824, Oct. 20.	1864, Mar. 29.	Berkley.	A. P.
Augustine Root,	1858, May 20.	1859, Mar. 29.	Belchertown.	W. C.
John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11.	1869, Nov. 10.	West Attleboro'.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in January, April, and November.

Rev. Frederick A. Reed, Taunton, Moderator; Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Attleborough, Scribe, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.

XXIV. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 4.	1869, Jan. 26.	Melrose.	Pastor.
Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28.	1862, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	"
Swift Byington,	1852, Nov. 17.	1865, July 18.	*Exeter, N. H.*	"
Elias Chapman,	1845, Oct. 6.	1869, Apr. 21.	North Reading.	Ins. Agt.
Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8.	1870, Nov. 15.	Bedford,	Pastor.
J. W. Chickering, D. D.,	1830, June 6.	1867, Oct. 15.	Wakefield.	Sec. S. T. U.
Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11.	1867, Sept. 21.	Woburn.	Pastor.
William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5.	1866, Jan. 16.	Lunenburg.	"
Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3.	1871, Jan. 17.	Malden.	"
Isaac F. Holton,	1860, May 1.	1866, Jan. 16.	South Malden.	W. C.
Edward P. Hooker,	1861, Nov. 13.	1862, May 20.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	Pastor.
Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19.	1868, Jan. 16.	Burlington.	"
John Lawrence,	1848, Aug. 5.	1869, Nov. 16.	Reading.	W. C.
Robert F. Lawrence,	1834, Jan. 29.	1869, Nov. 16.	Chiltonville.	A. P.
George Lewis,	1865, Dec. 12.	1866, July 17.	*Gorham, Me.*	W. C.
James T. McCollom,	1841, Apr. 7.	1866, Oct. 6.	Medford.	Pastor.
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1852, May 18.	Wellesley.	Editor.
Moses Patten,	1860, June 7.	1870, Nov. 15.	Carlisle.	Pastor.
Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22.	1871, May 16.	Wilmington.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Reuben T. Robinson,	1852, Oct. 27.	1852, Nov. 16.	Melrose.	W. C.
Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12.	1861, Nov. 19.	No. Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Samuel H. Tolman,	1856, Aug. 14.	1856, Nov. 18.	Reading.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5.	1858, Jan. 19.	Reading.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiate.	Approbated.
Joshua Buffum,	1862, Mar. 18.	Ludwig Wolfsen,	1870, Mar. 20.
Charles Manning,	1866, Apr. 17.		

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and October.

Rev. S. R. Dennen, Woburn, Moderator; Rev. A. G. Bale, Melrose, Scribe.

XXV. WORCESTER CENTRAL, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel S. Ashley,	1849, Aug. 1.	1852, Nov. 3.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	Sup. of Sch.
Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 25.	1869, May 4.	Boylston.	A. P.
Willard Child, D. D.,	1827, April.	1864, Nov. 14.	*Crown Pt., N. Y.*	
De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11.	1869, May 4.	Clinton.	Pastor.
Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21.	1857, July 7.	Leicester.	"
Joseph W. Cross,	1834, Oct. 1.	1841, Jan. 5.	West Boylston.	W. C.
Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16.	1867, Feb. 4.	Rutland.	Pastor.
Preston Cummings,	1825, Aug. 23.	1852, July 6.	Leicester.	W. C.
Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6.	1856, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	Pastor.
Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21.	1870.	Northborough.	A. P.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1870.	Shrewsbury.	Pastor.
James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2.	1863, Jan. 6.		
Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1868, July 14.	Millbury.	Pastor.
L. Ives Hoadley,	1823, Oct. 15.			
William A. Houghton,	1843, July 5.	1843, Nov. 7.	Berlin.	Pastor.
Rodney A. Miller,	1827, June 7.	1827, Aug. 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Charles F. Morse,	1856, Aug. 13.	1856, Nov. 11.	Phillipston.	Pastor.
John Nelson, D. D.,	1812, Mar. 4.	1824, Jan. 13.	Leicester.	"
William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24.	1834.	Holden.	"
William Phipps,	1840, Nov. 11.	1841, Aug. 3.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	"
Miner G. Pratt,	1828, Oct. 22.	1837, May 2.	Andover.	Agent.
Merrill Richardson,	1841, Oct. 28.	1859, Mar. 1.	*New York.*	Pastor.
A. Hastings Ross,	1861, Oct. 17.	1863, Jan. 6.	*Springfield, Ohio.*	"
George E. Sanborne,	1857, Jan. 1.	1868.	*Hartford, Ct.*	Chaplain.
William H. Sanford,	1832, Oct. 17.	1833, Aug. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Roger M. Sargent,	1852, Apr. 27.		Princeton.	Pastor.
Royal B. Stratton,	1848.	1867, May 6.	Worcester.	"
Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23.	1839, May 7.	Worcester.	"
Nathan W. Williams,	1849, Feb. 28.	1849, Aug. 7.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1870.	Grafton.	Pastor.
Isaac R. Worcester,	1837, Sept. 27.	1847, Jan. 5.	Auburndale.	Ed. M. Her.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in February and May, and second Tuesday in July and November.

Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Princeton, Moderator; Rev. De Witt S. Clark, Clinton, Scribe.

XXVI. Worcester North, Organized June 8, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Willard Brigham,	1843, May 24.	1870.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Ebenezer W. Bullard,	1838, Aug. 8.	1852.	Royalston.	W. C.
Benjamin F. Clarke,	1824, Feb. 4.	1856.	Wellesley.	"
Josiah D. Crosby,	1837, Oct. 4.	1846.	Ashburnham.	"
Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 29.	1868.	Athol.	Pastor.
Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29.	1869.	Hubbardston.	"
Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1.	1869.	No. Winchendon.	"
John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3.	1866.	North Orange.	A. P.
Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10.	1844.	Lancaster.	A. P.
Walter Rice,	1865, July 25.	1869.	Royalston.	A. P.
Lewis Sabin, D. D.,	1836, June 8.	1837.	Templeton.	Pastor.
Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9.	1867.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31.	1871.	Hubbardston.	Pastor.
Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18.	1869.	Petersham.	A. P.
Lyman White,	1849, Oct. 23.	1863.	*New Hampshire.*	
Daniel Wight,	1842, Sept. 28.	1864.	N. Ashburnham.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in January, fourth Tuesday in April, second Tuesday in July, and first Tuesday in October.

Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXVII. Worcester South, Organized 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Sept. 27.	1869, Jan. 12.	Saundersville.	Pastor.
David M. Bean,	1863, July 23.	1870, Apr. 12.	*Connecticut.*	W. C.
Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 18.	1839, Apr. 9.	Uxbridge.	Pastor.
William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4.	1866, July 10.	East Douglas.	"
Artemas Dean,	1849.	1868, July 14.		
Elijah Demond,	1821, May 7.		Westborough.	W. C.
Franklin E. Fellows,	1858, Dec. 15.	1870, Apr. 12.	*Griswold, Conn.*	
Stacy Fowler,	1862.	1869, July 13.	Millbury.	Pastor.
Edmund Y. Garrette,	1854, Apr. 12.	1858, Jan. 14.	*Pittsburg, Penn.*	"
James E. Hall,	1867, Feb. 27.	1867, July 9.	Quincy.	"
Sylvester Hine,	1848, Sept. 28.		*Higganum, Conn.*	
Amos Holbrook,	1866, May 9.	1869, Oct. 12.	Douglas.	A. P.
Thomas S. Norton,	1846, Feb. 4.	1869, July 13.	Northbridge.	"
Andrew J. Willard,	1857, Apr. 20.	1857, July 14.	*Burlington, Vt.*	
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grafton.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Alvan J. Bates, Saundersville, Scribe.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. The counties are arranged in alphabetical order, except that Dukes and Nantucket are on the same page with Barnstable. Towns in each county are arranged alphabetically; churches in each town, according to age; and of each church, (1) its town, (2) its name (if it have a peculiar one,) which is always followed by "ch.," (3) its locality in the town, when that locality has a name distinct from the town; when the name of a church *follows* the name of a locality subordinate to the town, it shows that the church has a distinct number in that subdivision of the town.

2. The contracted headings to the columns of figures, denote as follows: "Church Members, 1871, Jan. 1,"— under which are "Males, Females, Total, Absent." "Admitted — 1870," — under which are "Profession, Letter, Total." "Removals, 1870," under which are "Death, Dismissal, Excommunication, Total." "Baptisms," in 1870, — under which are "Adult, Infant." "Sabbath Schools," — under which are "Total, Average Attendance." "Benevolent Contributions," in 1870, — not including parish expenses.

3. The column specifying Ministers is corrected up to the time of publication. Church members are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1871. Admissions, removals, and baptisms, cover the year 1870. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sabbath School" includes total membership of teachers and scholars Jan. 1, 1871, or when the school is in successful operation (if not at that date,) covering "branch schools" so far as maintained by the reporting church; and the "average" attendance for the year 1870.

4. Dates earlier than 1752 are given in "old style." To reduce these to "new style," — if it be a date in the 17th century, add ten days; if it be a date in the 18th century (prior to 1752,) add eleven days.

5. "Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry "by the laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate. "A. p." denotes "Acting pastor."

6. All *Post-office addresses* are to be found in the "Index of Ministers," and *not* in the tables. For churches, see "Index of Towns."

7. In no instance is the report of any church in these Statistics copied from the returns of previous years. But there is included in the *totals* of each county, a careful estimate of the numbers in any unreporting church; and also the occasionally missing items of "absent," and "average attendance" in Sabbath Schools, — which are assumed to be, in each case, equivalent to the average percentage of their county.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To	Av.	
Barnstable, West,	1616 (?)	Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	20	49	69	10	0	0	0	1		0	2	0	0	75	50	$46.00
" Centreville,	1840, May 23	Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13	1869, *A. p.*	29	74	103	17	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	3	2	125	70	144.90
" Hyannis,	1854, Jan. 3	None.			10	8	18	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	30	30.00
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720, June 15	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	29	85	114	14	12	1	13	2		0	3	7	0	181	75	87.95
Dennis, South,	1817, June 16	William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 10	1870, Feb. 10	30	79	109	14	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	5	1	105	80	115.00
" North,	1806, Mar. 17	*Sup. by Methodist.*			15	37	52		1	0	1	1	4	0	5			60	40	
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708,	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, *A. p.*	68	155	223	40	4		4	6	2	0	8			180	105	900.00
" East,	1821, June 20	Daniel H. Babcock,	1839, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	30	44	74	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30	15.00
" North,	1833, Aug. 1	Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22	1869, *A. p.*	30	61	91	21	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	35	45.00
" Waquoit,	1849, Jan. 8	James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12	1871, *A. p.*	31	73	104	19	1		1	1			1	1		40	30	
Harwich,	1747, Nov. 6	Charles H. Whitney,		1871, *A. p.*	10	37	47	4	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	2	105	64	154.75
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855, Feb. 18	Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29	1870, Oct. 12	13	40	53	6	7	0	7	0		0	1	2		200	140	166.47
Orleans, East,	1719,	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	20	98	118	15	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	150	100	56.00
Provincetown,	1714, Jan.	None.			13	47	60		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	90	50.00
Sandwich,	1639, Oct.	None.			44	118	162	45	2	0	4	1	3	0	4		5	75	60	165.00
" Monument,	1833, July 9	None.			5	19	24	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20		
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711, Nov. 1	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	30	54	84	18	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	120	80	75.00
" North,	1842, May 22	*Sup. by Methodist.*			3	11	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	74	5.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730,	Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1868, Feb. 19	74	117	191	18	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	3	2	190	97	160.00
" 2d ch., South,	1833, Dec. 4	J. W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14	1869, *A. p.*	34	56	90	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	90	60	45.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639,	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	49	110	159	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	175		* 474 27
" West,	1840, Sept. 30	None.			4	18	22	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1				25	
TOTAL: 22 churches, of which 7 are vacant.					591	1390	1981	296	49	10	59	32	20	0	52	23	15	2298	1458	$2,735 34

* Built church, $10,000.

DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700,	Elijah Demond,	1821, Mar. 7	*A. p.*	10	16	26	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	2			
Edgartown,	1641, July	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1870, *A. p.*	33	72	105		1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	60	45	
Tisbury, 1st ch., West,	1673,	William H. Sturtevant.	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p.*	32	37	69	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	60	$20.00
TOTAL: 3 churches, of which none are vacant.					75	125	200	34	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	2	2	162	125	$20.00

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1711,	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1862, *A. p.*	145	237	282	58	3	5	8	9	5	3	17	2	0	190	135	$322.75

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. M. 1871, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827, Apr. 19	None.			95	175	270	30	3	4	7	3	7	0	10	2	4	275	200	$1,135.00
" South,	1840, Jan. 1	Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	36	86	122	21	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	225	160	300.00
Becket,	1758, Dec. 28	John Hartwell,	1859, Sept. 29	1864, *A. p.*	17	39	56	25	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	4	1	45	35	23.75
" North,	1849, Sept. 25	J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9	1866, *A. p.*	43	69	112	32	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	1	1	89	66	109.24
Dalton,	1785, Feb. 16	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	27	48	75	12	0	3	3	3	5	0	8	0	0	85	62	155.40
Egremont, South,	1816, Nov. 22	Horace P. Shapleigh,	1869, Dec. 8	1869, Dec. 8	49	87	136	28	0	5	5	2	5	0	7	0	1	75	50	187.85
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743, Dec. 28	Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	59	139	198		5	3	8	1	9	0	10	1	5		135	
" Housatonic,	1841, June 18	Timothy A. Hazen,	1854, Oct. 11	1869, June 2	32	62	94	17	2	4	6	1	6	0	7	1	0	143	80	102.39
Hinsdale,	1795, Dec. 17	Ephraim Flint, Jr.,	1867, Sept. 19	1867, Sept. 19	82	136	218	22	43	8	51	7	4	0	11	19	0	200	132	1,220.70
Lanesborough,	1764, Mar. 28	Charles Newman,	1858, May 18	1863, *A. p.*	10	32	42	14	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	50	20	
Lee,	1870, May 25	Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	145	272	417	58	6	4	10	8	10	0	18	2	8	330	240	2,417.00
Lenox,	1769,	George Mure Smith,	1859, Oct. 19	1866, *A. p.*	59	130	189	39	1	1	2	3	11	0	14	1	1	75	60	503.00
Monterey,	1750, Sept. 25	Thomas A. Hall,	1841, June 16	1871, *A. p.*	28	70	98	22	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	151	65	39.80
New Marlboro', 1st ch.,	1744, Oct. 31	Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	36	128	164	27	7	0	7	5	3	0	8	5	4	171	65	302.41
" Southfield,	1794, Apr. 25	None.			20	40	60		4	1	5	0	1	0	1	4	0			
" Mill River,	1871, Jan. 16	Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6	1871, Jan. 17	12	26	38													
Otis,	1779, Feb. 2	Edward F. Abbott,		1870, *A. p.*	15	51	66	14	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	7	0	205	135	
Peru,	1770,	Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20	1869, Feb. 2	44	67	111	5	1	6	7	1	2	0	3	1	4		109	190.31
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764, Feb. 7	John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 3	1842, Feb. 16			585	177	4	8	12		18	0	18		6	550		5,120.67
" 2d ch.,	1846, Sept. 20	Amos G. Beman,	1840, Mar. 8	1870, *A. p.*	5	12	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	50	45	
" South ch.,	1850, Nov. 12	Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 4	1865, Mar. 15	88	257	345	31	2	3	5	2	5	0	7	2	5	191	136	2,220.00
Richmond,	1765,	Lupton W. Curtis,		1869, *A. p.*	24	59	83	16	6	0	6	3	3	0	6	3	1	40	30	16.50
Sandisfield,	1756, Feb. 24	Elbridge Bradbury,	1839, Oct.	1869, Dec.	49	106	155	48	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	2	0	150	110	
Sheffield,	1735, Oct. 22	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 20	1869, Dec. 29	31	107	138	16	4	4	8	3	10	0	13	1	3	149	74	473.87
Stockbridge,	1734,	Elias C. Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11	1870, June 26	62	155	217		2	4	6	4	11	0	15	0	14	200	150	1,402.35
" Curtisville,	1824, Dec. 22	George T. Dole,	1842, Oct. 6	1864, *A. p.*	21	44	65	16	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	2	85	60	100.00
Washington, Un. ch.,	1772,	None.					31											0	0	
W. Stockbridge, Centre,	1780, June 14	Lewis Pennell, (*retired,*)	1833, Sept. 17	1854, Dec. 6	15	27	42	5	0	0	0	1	11	0	12	0	0			800.00
" Village,	1833,	Charles F. Bradley,	1860, Aug. 18	1869, Aug. 18	33	78	111	12	39	13	52	0	4	0	4	33	0	209	95	
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765,	*Prof.* Albert Hopkins,	1860, Dec. 26	1869, *A. p.*	133	209	342	99	2	3	5	5	10	0	15	2		115	90	397.86
" College ch.,	1834, June 15	*Pres.* Mk. Hopkins, D.D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	30	3	33	14	0	4	4	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch., South,	1836,	Jon. E. Woodbridge, D.D.,	1835, Jan.	1870, *A. p.*	16	27	43	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	79	41	15.00
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772,	Benjamin Ober,	1834, Jan. 1	1870, *A. p.*	15	17	32	13	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	65	50	47.34
TOTAL: 32 churches, of which 3 are vacant.					1519	3148	4667	873	152	88	240	67	161	1	229	95	65	4480	2911	$17,340.44

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.-1870.-Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad	In.	To.	Av.	
Attleboro', 1st ch. West.	1712, Nov. 12	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1860, *A. p.*	27	72	99	13	2	1	3	6	2	0	8	1	0	93	65	$106.86
" 2d ch., East,	1748, Nov. 30	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1866, June 26	58	175	233	25	0	4	4	7	1	0	8	0	8	352	232	10,43.00
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737, Nov. 1	James O. Barney,	1824, Feb. 4	1868, *A. p.*	55	85	140	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	105	55	125.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1848, June 30	J. Austin Roberts,	1824, Oct. 20	1856, Nov. 17	9	25	34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	50	60.00
Dartmouth, South,	1807, April	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	12	36	48	13	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	105	95	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710, reo.1826	Ebenezer Dawes,	1804, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	26	45	71	15	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	100		
Easton,	Unknown.	D. Warren Richardson,	1862, Aug. 14	1869, *A. p.*	38	98	136	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	143	89	100.00
Fairhaven,	1794, July 23	None.			55	162	217	44	7	1	8	5	2	0	7	5	0	225	176	393.16
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816, Jan. 9	William W. Adams,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	49	157	206	61	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	8	430	260	860.00
" Central ch.,	1842, Nov. 16	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	112	183	295	45	2	4	6	6	10	0	16	1		403	268	2,392.99
Freetown, Assonet,	1807, Apr. 24	George W. Hathaway,	1833, Mar. 20	1871, *A. p.*	20	34	54	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	90	80	78.77
Mansfield,	1838, May 9	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1836, Mar. 26	1836, Mar. 26	42	78	120	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	7	171	131	122.25
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696,	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	11	15	26	8	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	70	50.00
" North ch.,	1807, Oct. 15	Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	115	303	418	74	16	7	23	6	4	0	10	7	8	430	301	3,395.54
" Trin. ch.,	1831, Nov. 15	[Casslus M. Terry, *Lic.*,		1870, *P. e.*]	50	84	134	12	4	2	6	2	9	0	11	2	1	223	146	
" Pacific ch.,	1844, Oct. 8	None.			42	130	172	29	6	4	10	2	3	4	9	5	0	241	142	906.66
Norton,	1832, Apr. 3	None.			38	89	127	47	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	130		275.00
Raynham,	1731, Oct. 19	Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29	1870, *A. p.*	47	97	144	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	117	98	92.00
Rehoboth,	1721, Nov. 29	Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12	1870, *A. p.*	50	95	145	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	110	68	28.80
Seekonk, (and East Providence, R. I.,)	1623(?)	None.			73	99	172	27	7	0	7	3	13	2	18	7		145	109	286.34
Somerset,	1861, July 3	None.			17	28	45	12	9	1	10	1	0	0	1	6	1	75	50	45.00
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637, May	Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17	1860, May 16	33	78	111	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	70	
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1821, Aug. 17	Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29	1826, Jan. 18	117	314	431	40	0	2	2	5	4	0	9	0	5	330	185	
" Winslow ch.,	1837, Jan. 12	Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	69	135	204	44	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	3	315	180	
" Ev. Cong. ch., East,	1853, June 16	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1866, *A. p.*	9	24	33	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	65	57.56
" Un. ch., Whittenton,	1868, Apr. 2	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29	1868, *A. p.*	26	49	75	6	4	7	11	0	2	1	3	4	6	200	153	
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.,	1858, May 31	Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23	1868, June 30	7	23	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	65	107.36
TOTAL: 27 churches, of which 6 are vacant.					1207	2713	3920	654	66	46	112	58	56	7	121	45	53	4984	3358	10,706.29

ESSEX COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.		Ministers.			Ch. M. 1871, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex	To	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amesbury, West,	1726, May	19	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct.	15	1868, Oct.	15	90	166	256	7	3	6	9	6	9	3	18	2	6	311	167	$759.61
" Mills,	1831, Dec.	6	Rufus King,	1850, Apr.	17	1870,	*A. p.*	51	138	189	21	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	200	160	486.29
" and Salisbury,	1835, Oct.	14	None.					32	71	103	10	1	2	3	3	1	0	4		1	160	119	166.31
Andover, South ch.,	1711, Oct.	17	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct.	10	1861, Dec.	18	81	245	326	63	7	8	15	3	2	0	5	1	6	285	190	3,135 90
" West ch.,	1826, Dec.	5	James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov.	26	1856, Apr.	30	76	171	247	41	14	0	14	3	3	0	6	9	0	160	119	2,373 34
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846, May	7	Edwin S. Williams,	1864, June	10	1870, Nov.	29	45	131	176	50	6	7	13	1	8	0	9	2	3	189	140	2,818.29
" Ballard Vale,	1854, Dec.	31	Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec.	27	1855, Apr.	1	12	43	55	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	100	75	114.00
" Theo. Sem. ch.,	1865, Nov.	1	*Professors.*				*A. p.*	37	42	79	11	3	3	6	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	
Beverly, North,	1715, Dec.	28	Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar.	4	1870,	*A. p.*	8	22	30	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	87	50	145.62
" Dane st. ch.,	1802, Nov.	9	Orpheus T. Lanphear,	1840, Oct.	25	1867, Oct.	23	81	172	253	6	4	7	11	8	7	0	15	2	1	420	310	1,567 43
" Washington st. ch.,	1837, Feb.	8	Charles Van Norden,	1866, Dec.	19	1868, Mar.	18	45	123	168		3	1	4	2	1	0	3	0	8	200	150	493.50
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702,		Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept.	9	1868, Sept.	9	33	82	115	21	4	1	5	4	6	0	10	4	0	150	115	280.00
" West,	1736, Dec.	9	None.					18	30	48	3	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0		47	
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682, Dec.	27	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept.	24	1866, Jan.	11	113	231	344	25	6	5	11	3	0	0	3	3	0	525	350	1,129.58
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671,		Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec.	7	1863, Sept.	2	43	149	192	19	1	1	2	6	5	0	11	1	2	380	233	650.00
" Maple st. ch.,	1844, Dec.	5	James Brand,	1869, Oct.	6	1869, Oct.	6	103	168	271		48	8	56	1	1	0	2	25	4	472	294	750.37
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681, Sept.	9	D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June	18	1870, June	30	39	94	133	5	0	2	2	4	4	0	8	0	1	261	143	89.99
Georgetown,	1732, Oct.	4	Charles Beecher,	1844, Nov.	9	1857, Nov.	19	42	115	157	25	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	178	107	122.94
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1864, Jan.	27	D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept.	16	1868, Sept.	16	36	86	122	7	14	3	17	1	0	0	1	11	1	150	110	310.00
Gloucester, West,	1716, Oct.	4	Charles D. Pigeon,			1868,	*A. p.*	12	13	25		0	0	0					1	0	51	35	15.00
" Harbor, Ev. ch.,	1829, Nov.	17	S. Willard Segur,	1862, May	28	1871, June	14	55	120	175	26	48	7	55	2	6	0	8	26	8	230	158	917.02
" Lanesville,	1830, Aug.	25	——— Teel,			1871,	*A. p.*	24	54	78	7				2	5	0	7	6	5	180	114	
Groveland,	1727, June	7	John C. Paine,	1838, June	6	1870, Apr.	20	33	91	124	0	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	3	1	220	130	210.00
Hamilton,	1714, Oct.	27	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept.	29	1864, Sept.	29	47	77	124	32	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	120	70	199.65
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735, Oct.	22	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May	17	1866, Nov.	8	40	70	110	23	3	4	7	2	0	0	2	1	0	108	76	223.73
" East,	1744, Nov.	28	None.					5	11	16	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	56	33	
" Centre,	1833, Aug.	28	Charles M. Hyde,	1862, Aug.	19	1870, Nov.	15	61	159	220	13	0	1	1	3	7	0	10	0	0	186	159	
" " No. ch.,	1859, Mar.	30	Raymond H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July	5	1860, Aug.	8	90	189	279	14	4	7	11	5	6	0	11			350	250	2,190.22
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634,		Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr.	12	1868, Feb.	5	43	155	198	35	5	4	9	7	3	0	10	4	0	175	122	480.85
" South ch.,	1747, Aug.	22	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan.	1	1868, Jan.	1	29	137	166	41	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	100	263.20
" and Rowley—Linebrook,	1749, Nov.	15	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov.	5	1871, May	3	25	35	60	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	30	30.00
Lawrence, Lawr. st. ch.,	1847, Apr.	19	Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug.	23	1859, Apr.	13	139	299	438		5	4	9	4	5	0	9	5	0	425	320	2,486.84
" Central ch.,	1849, Dec.	25	William E. Park,	1867, Nov.	13	1867, Nov.	13	176	338	514	350	10	5	15	0	0	0	0			125	110	1,468.97
" Eliot ch.,	1865, Oct.	4	Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb.	6	1871, June	14	39	77	116	16	5	3	8	1	4	0	5	3	0	145	95	528.73
" South ch.,	1868, May	13	Leonard Z. Ferris,	1865, Nov.	30	1870,	*A. p.*	21	38	59	4	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	1	136	108	50.05
" Free ch.,	1868, Oct.	15	Albert Watson,	1871, June	27	1871, June	27	24	44	68	3	5	4	9	0	4	0	4	0	6	96	70	0

Lynn, 1st ch.,	1632, Aug.	None.			58	161	219	10	14	4	18		4	0	4	7	1	212	157	$425.00
" Central ch.,	1850, Dec. 11	Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3	1865, May 17	38	114	152	26	2	11	13	2	9	0	11	2	3	283	195	922.72
" Chestnut st. ch.,	1857, Feb. 10	Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28	1869, *A. p.*	10	42	52	0										120	80	120.00
" North ch.,	1869, May 6	James M. Whiton, PH.D.,	1865, May 10	1869, *A. p.*	22	68	90	5	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	140	100	200.00
Lynnfield, Cen. Ev. ch.,	1720, Aug. 17	None.			22	55	77	13	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	3	5	100	65	51.73
" 2d ch.,	1854, Jan. 18	Jacob Hood.	1859, Nov. 16	1865, *A. p.*	3	18	21	6	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	65	47	19.56
Manchester, Or. Con. ch.,	1710, Nov. 7	George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1	1869, Apr. 7	54	158	212	20	6	3	9	2	6	0	8	3	6	236	141	1,302.07
Marblehead, 1st ch.,	1684, Aug. 13	Benjamin R. Allen,	1829, Sept. 10	1854, Nov. 3	45	292	337	37	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	9	380	220	
" 3d ch.,	1858, Sept. 28	Edw. A. Lawrence, D. D.,	1839, May 15	1868, Nov. 18	16	66	82	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	90	230.00
Methuen, 1st ch.,	1729, Oct. 29	Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31	1867, Sept. 10	46	114	160	24	2	5	7	3	2	0	5	2	4	185	130	1,187.97
Middleton,	1729, Oct. 22	Lucian H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7	1869, Oct. 7	38	95	133	9	9	4	13	1	1	0	2	6	0	150	100	204.39
Newbury, 1st ch.,	1635, *Spring.*	Leon. Withington, D. D.,	1816, Oct. 31	1816, Oct. 31	40	130	170	28	1	0	1	5	3	1	9	0	1	141	71	224.00
" Byfield ch.,	1706,	William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9	1868, *A. p.*	35	65	100	28	0	0	0	3	3	0	6				37	68.00
Newburyport, North ch.,	1768, Mar. 4	James Powell,	1869, Nov. 24	1869, Nov. 24	57	240	297		13	15	28	7	6	0	13	10		220	130	722.70
" 4th ch.,	1793, May 30	Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30	1837, Oct. 12	57	154	211	11	3	4	7	8	1	0	9	2	5			448.91
" Belleville,	1808, Apr. 2	Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18	1847, Aug. 18	64	168	232	18	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	2	2	317	179	1,116.03
" Whitefield ch.,	1850, Jan. 1	Saml. J. Spalding, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 26	1851, June 30	54	142	196		6	5	11	3	1	0	4	4	2	154	120	659.11
North Andover, Ev. ch.,	1834, Sept. 3	B. Franklin Hamilton,	1865, June 28	1865, June 28	44	110	154	44	9	2	11	4	4	0	8	2	3	248	170	927.50
Peabody,	1713, Sept. 13	George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3	1869, Mar. 11	78	206	284	28	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	504	359	1,247.41
Rockport, 1st ch.,	1755, Feb. 13	None.			90	227	317	25	27	9	36	7	0	0	7	12	6	400	275	400.00
Rowley,	1839, Dec. 14	Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14	1869, Nov. 9	46	84	130	8	13	5	18	4	2	0	6	9	2	94	76	254.45
Salem, Tabernacle ch.,	1629, Aug. 6	Charles Ray Palmer,	1860, Aug. 29	1860, Aug. 29	54	265	319	31	9	8	17	9	4	0	13	4	4	299	214	2,286.42
" South ch.,	1735, Apr. 1	Brown Emerson, D.D., Edward S. Atwood,	1805, Apr. 24 1856, Oct. 23	1805, Apr. 24 1864, Oct. 13	96	294	390		19	2	21	5	2	0	7	13	4	450	300	3,294.03
" Crombie st. ch.,	1832, May 3	Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29	1868, Jan. 29	42	179	221	28	2	8	10	13	4	0	17	0	3	218	137	809.00
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,	1718, Nov. 19	None.			4	8	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Saugus Centre,	1732, Dec. 5	Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7	1869, Mar. 18	19	37	56	7	4	2	6	0	3	0	3	3	0	120	68	340.22
Swampscott, 1st ch.,	1846, July 15	Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24	1871, July 6	11	47	58		2	4	6	2	2	0	4	1	2	150	114	130.00
Topsfield,	1663,	James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2	1871, June 22	41	113	154	14	1	10	11	3	3	0	6	2	0	160	112	383.55
Wenham,	1644, Oct. 8	Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Oct. 13	30	64	94	14	0	1	1	3	3	0	6	0	1	140	101	
West Newbury, 1st ch.,	1698, Oct. 26	Nathaniel Lasell,		1869, *A. p.*	24	48	72	4	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	1	50	30	57.00
" 2d ch.,	1731, Sept. 1	None.			36	107	143	22	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	269	168	138.30
TOTAL: 67 churches, of which 8 are vacant.					3122	8057	11179	1645	364	218	582	180	175	4	359	205	128	13331	8974	$42,627.49

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Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.-1870.-Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl	Ex.	To	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashfield,	1763, Feb. 22	None.			56	106	162	20	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	185	90	$108.39
Bernardston,	1824, Jan. 13	Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14	1865, *A. p.*	16	35	51	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	65	72.22
Buckland,	1785, Oct.	Charles Lord,	1843, Oct. 20	1860, Mar. 29	39	65	104	18	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	0	8	136	98	219.27
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	1788,	Perkins K. Clark,	1846, Aug. 26	1871, *P. e.*	33	67	100	20	0	9	9	0	3	0	3	0	0	125	80	192.75
" East,	1845, Aug. 6	Daniel F. Savage,	1861, Oct. 16	1870, *A. p.*	26	46	72	15	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	90	70	232.01
Coleraine,	1750,	David A. Strong.	1849, Mar. 21	1867, June 13	17	59	76	15	7	6	13	2	3	0	5	3	2	100	65	89.00
Conway,	1768, July 14	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1868, Sept. 30	83	159	242	23	2	5	7	5	23	5	33	2	2	227	153	808.00
Deerfield, South,	1818, June 30	Simeon Miller,	1846, May 7	1870, Apr. 13	107	180	287	40	0	11	11	7	13	0	20	0	1	200	150	383.92
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	1855, June 2	Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20	1858, Jan. 13	27	60	87	13	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	3	90	49	146.00
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Sept. 19	Simon L. Hobbs,	1854, Sept.	1869, *A. p*	16	21	37	5	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	3	0	108	80	21.36
Gill,	1793, Sept. 18	Edmund S. Potter,	1843, May 23	1868, *A. p.*	14	42	56	10	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	4	0	120	78	97.67
Greenfield, 1st ch.,	1754, Mar. 28	None.			27	52	79	13	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	2	90	70	76.43
" 2d ch.,	1817, Jan. 15	Samuel H. Lee,	1862, Sept. 17	1867, June 18	68	129	197	12	7	17	24	1	9	0	10	3	3	365	260	811.32
Hawley, 1st ch., East,	1778, Sept. 16	Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1	1870, *A. p.*	24	43	67	22	0	3	3	1	8	0	9	0	2	60	40	30.65
" West,	1825, Aug. 24	None.			13	21	34	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	60	50	
Heath,	1785, Apr. 15	None.			8	17	25		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Leverett,	1784,	John P. Watson,	1862, June 21	1868, *A. p.*	37	67	104	16	0	3	3	4	2	0	6	0	0	130	71	55.38
Montague, 1st ch.,	1752, Nov. 22	Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28	1864, Dec. 28	60	114	174	15	7	8	15	3	6	1	10	5	1	180	104	304.60
New Salem,	1845, Aug. 15	David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12	1863, *A. p.*	8	34	42		1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	80	60	16.00
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1825, Nov. 30	Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11	1870, Aug. 17	21	38	59	4	2	2	4	0	4	0	4	2	0	90	75	100.44
Orange, North,	1843, Aug. 16	John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3	1866, Nov. 1	12	23	35	9	7	0	7	0	1	0	1	5	0	60		28.00
" Central ch.,	1846, Sept. 23	David H. Rogan,	1859, Nov. 12	1870, *A. p.*	42	99	141	23	2	2	4	4	2	0	6	2	0		100	140.00
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	1770,	A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 31	1870, Oct. 25	60	99	159	7	0	5	5	5	6	0	11	0	1	160	48	475.00
" Falls,	1850, Mar. 6	Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5	1869, Dec. 15	58	117	175	24	17	6	23	3	6	0	9	8	5	225	148	322.00
Shutesbury,	1742, Oct. 27	None.			22	33	55	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	62	48	39.80
Sunderland,	1718,	David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13	1867, Dec. 18	108	164	272	10	6	4	10	6	16	0	22	2	12	227	138	1,802.84
Warwick, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1829, June 9	Edward B. Bassett,	1857, May 25	1869, Dec. 15	22	48	70	12	2	3	5	3	2	0	5	0	3	105	56	139.30
Wendell, Centre, 1st ch.,	1774, Nov. 29	Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4	1869, *A. p.*	13	23	36	12	4	4	8	2	0	0	2	2	1		38	55.00
Whately.	1771, Aug. 13	John W. Lane.	1860, Oct. 17	1860, Oct. 17	52	95	147	19	0	4	4	6	13	0	19	0	5	110	72	180.56
TOTAL: 29 churches, of which 5 are vacant.					1089	2056	3145	409	76	102	178	70	129	6	205	48	51	3579	2304	$6,947.91

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Churches.		1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch. M. 1871, Jan. 1.				Admit.—1870.—Rem.							Bap.		Sab Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762, Nov. 19	Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	16	44	60	7	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	2	1	70	50	$51.70
" Cong. ch.,	1819, Sept. 5	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	43	85	128	8	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	75	60	250.00
Blandford,	1735,	Benj. F. Manwell.	1862, Oct. 1	1870, *A. p.*	32	60	92	6	1	1	2	2	8	0	10	1	2	105	75	47.60
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724, Nov. 18	M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1	1870, Dec. 1	52	146	198	24	1	1	2	9	7	0	16	0	0	170	107	430.07
Chester, Centre,	1760, Dec. 20	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	26	37	63	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	40	55.00
" 2d ch., Depot,	1844, Nov. 13	Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21	1865, *A. p.*	11	23	34	5	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	67	47	40.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752, Sept. 27	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	28	46	74	4	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	68	60	300.03
" 2d ch.,	1830, July 3	Joshua T. Tucker,	1839, Nov. 16	1867, Apr. 8	65	121	186	44	11	1	12	1	1	0	2	7	2	94	82	* 597.51
" 3d ch.,	1884, Oct. 16	Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20	1869, June 10	62	150	212	35	1	6	7	1	3	0	4	0	6	389	224	860.08
Granville, East,	1747,	Nelson Scott.	1846, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	46	66	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	40		24.25
" West,	1786,	None.			24	40	64	13	2	6	8	1	6	0	7	0	1	102	60	26.80
Holland,	1765, Sept. 12	Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9	1868, Dec. 9	16	28	44	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	40	55.00
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1799, Dec. 4	Chas. E. Cooledge,	1871, May 24	1871, May 24	20	42	62	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	90	45	
" 2d ch.,	1849, May 24	John L. R. Trask.	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	80	184	264	18	64	27	91	1	5	0	6	40	6	360	221	500.00
Longmeadow,	1716, Oct. 17	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	34	95	129	7	8	2	10	1	5	0	6	2	1	105	85	995.59
" East,	1829, Apr. 22	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	31	71	102	22	22	7	29	2	5	0	7	11	2	80	60	200.97
Ludlow,	1790,	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Dec. 21	1866, Nov. 2	39	88	127	18	1	5	6	3	4	0	7	1	2	150	120	232.62
" Mills,	1867, Jan. 6	None.			4	14	18	0	8	0	8	0	3	0	3	10	0	36	30	0
Monson,	1762, May 23	Charles B. Sumner.	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	76	162	238	37	0	10	10	3	10	0	13	0	2	200	138	1,342.70
Montgomery,	1797, June 30	*No public services.*			2	7	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1753,	Theodore A. Leete.	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	53	73	36	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	120	54	21.00
" 2d ch.,	1847, Nov. 1	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	39	86	125	26	0	4	4	1	6	0	7	0	1	189	92	165.00
Southwick,	1773, Aug. 16	Timothy Lyman,	1850, Nov. 23	1871, *A. p.*	19	55	74	12	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	50	
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637,	Edward A. Read,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	155	433	588	105	22	34	56	11	25	0	36	9	19	575	350	4,100.00
" Olivet ch.,	1833, Jan. 8	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	79	187	266	27	10	11	21	5	19	0	24	6	4	355	205	1,068.50
" South ch.,	1842, Mar. 23	S. G. Buckingham, D.D.	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	119	239	358	30	5	16	21	5	10	0	15	2	10	566	397	4,919.72
" North ch.,	1846, Oct. 28	Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25	1863, Sept. 19	145	247	392	74	11	30	41	3	14	0	17	4	3	309	197	1,596.62
" Indian Orchard,	1848, Mar. 23	—— Harris,		1871, *A. p.*	16	32	48	22	0	2	2	1	5	0	6	0	0	82	76	
" Sanford St. ch.,	1864, Feb. 24	M. Van Horne,		1871, *A. p.*	19	22	41	4	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	2	0	46	30	21.75
Tolland,	1797,	Irem W. Smith,	1858, Aug. 18	1870, June 15	40	61	101	27				1			1		1	70	60	25.00
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679, Aug. 27	Elias H. Richardson,	1854, May 18	1867, May 1	98	259	357	23	9	14	23	9	9	0	18	7	7			1,150.52
" 2d ch.,	1856, May 22	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	101	174	275	24	17	11	28	4	11	0	15	12	2	353	222	1,879.51
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698, June	None.			49	125	174	19	1	4	5	8	6	0	14	0	1	230		165.75
" Mittineaque,	1850, Jan. 10	None.			20	52	72	17	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	137	74	274.58
" Park St. ch.,	1871, June	None.																		
Wilbraham,	1741, June 24	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	72	131	203	58	1	4	5	3	8	0	11	1	2	185	111	175.00
" South,	1785,	Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12	1869, Mar. 3	40	71	111	25	13	0	13	2	3	0	5	8	0	80	60	† 60.00
TOTAL: 36 churches, of which 6 are vacant.					1712	3716	5428	818	214	205	419	98	193	0	291	126	79	5940	3941	$21,638.96

* Paid church debt, $4,500. † And church debt.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871 Jan.1.				Admit.-1870.-Rem.						Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739, Nov. 7	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 18	1863, Sept. 24	108	278	386	51	6	21	27	10	5	0	15		8	279		$1,025.47
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782, Nov. 11	Franklin P. Chapin,	1857, Nov. 12	1868, Jan. 21	55	141	196	24	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	0	0	140	102	143.00
" College ch.,	1826, Mar. 7	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns, D.D.	1831, Dec. 17	1854, Nov. 21	52	24	76	2	7	12	19	1	12	0	13	3	0	0	0	667.00
" North ch., North,	1826, Nov. 15	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 10	1867, Sept. 19	95	151	246	14	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	6	160	150	249.66
" ch. of South,	1858, June 8	George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 14	1869, May 5	45	76	121	11	5	2	7	6	4	0	10	4	1	150	95	265.00
Belchertown,	1737,	Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10	1871, May 10	92	192	284	60	1	1	2	7	13	0	20	0	6	275	172	279.63
Chesterfield,	1764, Oct. 30	Edward Clarke,	1839, June 13	1865, *A. p.*	9	28	37	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	65	160.00
Cummington, E.Vil. ch.,	1839, July 1	William N. Gay,	1863, Mar. 31	1870, *A. p.*	36	58	94	9	0	3	3	1	5	0	6	0	0	100	75	107.39
" West Village ch.,	1840, Sept. 20	Robert Samuel,	1859, Nov. 3	1870, *A. p.*	18	44	62	11	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	65	
Easthampton, 1st ch.,	1785, Nov. 17	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10	1853, Mar. 2	86	184	270	13	19	17	36	4	5	0	9	12	7	240	134	716.86
" Payson ch.,	1852, Dec. 28	Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17	1863, Oct. 14	126	247	373	35	4	9	13	1	11	0	12	3	7	380	294	2,376.00
Enfield,	1790,	Edward C. Ewing,	1853, Nov. 5	1867, Oct. 9	63	147	210	32	4	0	4	5	0	0	5	3	4	153	104	1,188.00
Goshen,	1780, Dec. 21	Townsend Walker,	1844, Mar. 14	1868, Sept. 29	17	47	64	0	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	3	0	70	40	111.84
Granby,	1762,	Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7	1871, Mar. 1	68	137	205	25	9	1	10	2	8	0	10	3	12	246	147	800.72
Greenwich,	1749,	Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 5	1843, July 5	39	101	140	33	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	150	81	166.25
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659,	Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12	1848, Jan. 12	56	115	171	24	2	2	4	7	9	0	16	1	3	140	106	456.25
" 2d ch., North,	1831, Oct. 26	Warren H. Beaman,	1841, Sept. 15	1841, Sept. 15	42	97	139	22	7	3	10	3	2	0	5	3	1	185	112	350.00
" Russell ch.,	1841, July 15	Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25	1864, Sept. 27	27	70	97	16	0	2	2	7	3	0	10	0	0	85	58	518.82
Hatfield,	1670,	John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct. 9	1870, May 4	78	148	226	14	1	2	3	4	7	0	11	0	8	156	109	1,451.38
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778, July	Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 11	1868, *A. p.*	34	56	90	13	3	3	6	2	2	1	5	2	1	90	75	107.50
" 2d ch.,	1846, Aug. 26	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20	1867, Apr. 10	25	61	86	14	3	2	5	1	3	0	4	2		95	54	123 00
Middlefield,	1783, Nov. 18	Charles M. Pierce,	1863, Sept. 2	1868, July 1	43	59	102	18	0	0	0	3	3	1	7	0	1	100		395.85
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661, June 18	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec. 1	1867, Apr. 30	143	350	493	50	8	7	15	11	14	0	25	1	8	300	250	6,415.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833, Jan. 30	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1818, Oct. 25	1852, Jan. 2	101	221	322	12	3	15	18	1	4	0	5	1	0	196		
" Florence ch.,	1861, Oct. 9	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20	1866, Dec. 6	56	124	180	36	1	9	10	0	13	0	13	1		300	194	763.00
Pelham,	1837, Oct. 26	*No public services.*																		
" Packardville,	1870, Jan. 5	William K. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21	1871, June 28	9	14	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	60	
Plainfield,	1786, Aug. 31	Solomon Clark,	1841, Apr. 12	1858, *A. p.*	65	82	147	29	0	1	1	4	11	0	15	0	0	180	98	132.00
Prescott,	1823, Jan. 15	David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20	1858, June 8	17	29	46	10	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	70	45	
Southampton,	1743, June 8	Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26	1869, Jan. 5	101	165	266	46	21	5	26	12	11	0	23	11	4	185	116	448.59
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733, (about)	J. Henry Bliss,	1869, Nov. 28	1871, Jan. 11	121	224	345	41	4	13	17	6	13	0	19	2	4	306	200	960.45
" Falls,	1824, Aug. 12	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27	1867, Oct. 2	56	99	155	25	4	3	7	4	1	0	5	3	5	157	126	327.56
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824, Aug. 12	Richard Kimball,	1837, May 6	1856, Sept. 10	44	104	148	41	2	9	11	4	9	1	14	2	8	190	145	914.17
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751, May 9	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16	1861, Oct. 10	40	86	126	26	4	0	4	5	10	0	15	2	0	130	91	366.57
"	1826, Apr. 26	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.	1844, Sept. 18	1855, Dec. 5	95	219	314	46	15	9	24	8	6	0	14	8	4	350	235	* 3,678 65
Westhampton,	1779, Sept. 1	Pliny F. Barnard,	1847, Jan. 14	1870, June 30	84	115	199	28	1	5	6	7	8	0	15	0	0	125	100	498.75
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771, July 3	William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 18	1869, Feb. 24	79	147	226	35	6	10	16	6	10	0	16	3	5	200	146	1,144.42
" Haydenville,	1851, Jan. 4	James P. Kimball,	1857, Mar. 12	1870, *A. p.*	36	110	146	43	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	185	140	450.00
Worthington,	1771, Apr. 1	Joseph F. Gaylord,	1867, Nov. 7	1870, Aug. 3	54	96	150	28	8	2	10	2	1	1	4	2	2	200	105	224.60
TOTAL: 39 churches, of which 1 is vacant.					2315	4646	6961	941	161	175	336	141	219	4	364	77	106	6523	4480	$27,983.38

* Large sums added by individuals — $30,000 by one man to Williams College.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Churches.		1871, August.	Ministers.		Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.						Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dt.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av	
Acton,	1832, Mar. 13	None.			51	106	157	40	1	0	1	5	2	1	8	0	2	175	109	$176.00
Arlington,	1842, Dec. 14	Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	38	94	132	24	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	2	195	124	2,616.20
Ashby,	1776, June 12	James M. Bacon,	1846, Oct. 8	1870, Nov. 2	58	117	175	32	0	3	3	4	10	0	14	0	1	215	120	434.66
Ashland,	1835, Jan. 21	Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29	1868, Dec. 29	42	97	139	25	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1		149	84	105.00
Ayer,	1861, Sept. 5	None.			19	42	61	15	0	5	5	1	3	0	4	0	0	151	90	196.46
Bedford,	1730, July 15	Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8	1869, Feb. 17	39	109	148	64	7	0	7	2	1	0	3	3	1	170	98	125.21
Belmont, Waverley,	1865, July 11	Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19	1866, Feb. 1	8	15	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	65	0
Billerica,	1829, Apr. 20	John M. Lord,	1857,	1871, *A. p.*	18	50	68	38	2	1	3	3	4	0	7	0	0	80	60	110.25
Boxborough,	1784, Apr. 29	Daniel McClenning,	1851, Apr. 23	1869, *A. p.*	29	27	56	15	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	85	65	45.35
Brighton,	1827, Sept. 13	David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21	1866, Dec. 6	34	95	129	24	1	10	11	5	3	0	8	0	0	209	140	1,146.78
Burlington,	1735, Oct. 29	Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19	1867, Dec. 19	15	35	50	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	60	50.00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636, Feb. 1	Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	123	297	420		8	10	18	3	10	1	14	0	10	371	246	
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827, Sept. 20	Kinsley Twining,	1858, Aug. 26	1867, Sept. 12	146	327	473		10	22	32	4	13	0	17	4	8	450	325	3,335.69
" East,	1842, Sept. 8	Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1	1870, Oct. 31	37	72	109	27	1	0	1	1	6	0	7			200	110	250.00
" North Avenue.	1857, Sept. 23	David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	90	161	251	19	6	11	17	2	2	0	4	2	4	235	180	*900.00
" Port, Stearns Chap.	1865, Nov. 2	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	60	125	185	20	16	10	26	3	2	1	6	3	5	462	350	384.14
Carlisle,	1830, May 5	Moses Patten,		1871, *A. p.*	11	41	52	19	1	2	3	0	5	0	5	1	0	68	40	16.87
Charlestown, 1st ch.,	1632, Nov. 2	James B. Miles,	1855, Jan. 2	1855, Jan. 2	103	255	358	4	3	4	7	5	6	0	11	0	10	300	240	
" Winthrop ch.,	1833, Jan. 9	None.			146	361	507	51	0	3	3	5	27	0	32	0	0	616	417	4,121.42
Chelmsford, 2d ch., Nor.,	1824, Apr. 27	Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 21	1870,	27	57	84	18	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	85	34.59
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826,	None.			21	52	73	18	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	81	64	136.74
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721, Mar. 29	James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30	1870, *A. p.*	10	51	61	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	62	46.33
" West ch.,	1797, Aug. 31	Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Sept. 1	42	72	114	38	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	2	0	75	50	
" Central ch.,	1847, July 25	Elias Nason,	1852, May 5	1868, *A. p.*	27	44	71	15	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	2	2	80	56	
Dunstable,	1757, May 12	Edward P. Kingsbury,	1870, June 22	1869, *A. p.*	19	43	62	17	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	80	55	22.00
Everett,	1861, Oct. 30	Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23	1869, Mar. 25	28	61	89	15	2	5	7	0	4	0	4	1	2	220	145	200.00
Framingham, Plym.ch.,	1701, Dec. 8	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	79	204	283	26	0	2	2	7	10	0	17	1	4	220	139	1,449.12
" Saxonville, Edw.ch.,	1835, May 26	Charles Jones,	1835,	1870, Nov. 3	36	99	135	53	0	3	3	4	3	0	7	0	1	101	85	199.00
Groton,	1664, July 12	Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb. 16	1870, June 1	62	153	215	30	4	5	9	5	6	0	11	2	3	130	125	704.25
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728, Nov. 20	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Oct. 28	1870, Oct. 13	140	293	433	25	3	0	3	16	10	3	29	3		305	190	1,191.00
Hopkinton,	1724, Sept. 2	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	61	120	181	25	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	3	245	194	1,224.48
Lexington, Hancock ch.	1808, May 20	Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	14	33	47	4	3	7	10	1	0	0	1	0	6	65	50	164.36
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747, Aug. 18	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	26	55	81	14	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	123	95	471.00
Littleton,	1840, May 14	George Spaulding,	1858, May 10	1870, *A. p.*	21	29	50	9	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	80	55	480.37
Lowell, 1st Cong. ch.,	1826, June 6	None.			93	315	408	107	26	21	47	7	17	2	26	13	1	431	277	777.68
" Appleton st. ch.,	1830 Dec. 2	John M. Greene.	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	63	222	285	80	2	5	7	5	12	0	17	0	3	320	234	689.90
" John st. ch.,	1839, May 9	Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	62	185	247	45	11	5	16	7	7	0	14	6	5	455	251	488.75
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845, May 21	None.			100	298	398		10	10	20	3	7	0	10	7	4	331	227	1,686.95
" High st. ch.,	1846, Jan. 22	Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3	1857, Sept. 16	80	138	218	53	1	0	1	3	9	0	12	1	4	300	220	532.28

*And $1,700 church debt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—*Completed.*

Malden, 1st ch.,	1649,	Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3	1871, Mar. 29	95	181	276	47	1	15	16	3	9	0	12	0	1	468	323	$511.00
Marlborough, Un. ch.,	1836, Mar. 18	Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30	1870, Mar. 30	63	154	217	20	7	9	16	0	3	0	3	3	2	250	150	* 270.00
Maynard,	1852, Sept. 23	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1870, *A. p.*	46	58	104	23	0	0	0	7	9	0	16	0	0	280	190	55.85
Medford, 1st Tr. Con. ch.,	1823, Oct. 2	James T. McCollom,	1841, June 25	1865, Nov. 8	55	134	189	42	0	8	8	1	2	0	3	0	0	203	143	1,804.86
" Mystic ch.,	1847, July 6	Solon Cobb,	1864, Oct.	1869, Nov. 3	50	129	179	16	1	7	8	4	6	0	10	1	0	179	116	1,238.92
Melrose,	1848, July 11	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	46	99	145	29	2	7	9	6	5	1	12	2	9	237	150	576.78
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802, Feb.	None.			104	201	305	40	0	7	7	8	1	0	9	0	1	407	265	1,924.00
" John Eliot ch., So.,	1859, Nov. 16	Stephen C. Strong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, *A. p.*	17	38	55	13	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	105	63	193.00
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664, July 20	Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	78	145	223	33	3	7	10	5	4	0	9	2	4	180	112	2,200.00
" 2d ch., West,	1781, Oct. 21	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1869, Sept. 26	75	135	210	39	3	10	13	4	2	0	6	3	3	320	184	1,569.14
" Eliot ch.,	1845, July 1	J. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18	1856, June 11	133	247	380	59	18	22	40	12	13	0	25	9	10	337	243	5,514.93
" Auburndale,	1850, Nov. 14	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	50	87	137	31	7	7	14	1	2	0	3	2	10	199	137	4,358.56
" North Vill.,	1866, July 11	Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	20	48	68	16	11	7	18	1	4	1	6	3	9	177	137	94.00
" Newtonville,	1868, Sept. 8	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1868, Sept. 8	33	60	93	5	4	24	28	1	0	0	1	1	3	173	95	1,267.56
North Reading,	1720, June 29	None.			11	44	55	4	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	67	60.00
Pepperell,	1747, Jan. 29	Horace Parker,	1861, May 31	1870, Mar. 17	101	201	302	44	8	13	21	3	7	0	10	5	3	245	122	424.50
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770, Feb. 21	J. Edwards Bell,	1866, Sept. 12	1870, *A. p.*	42	104	146	14	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	1	200	173	113.00
" Bethesda ch.,	1849, Apr. 17	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	51	158	209	21	3	2	5	4	13	0	17	3	0	296	200	353.00
Sherborn,	1685, Mar. 26	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	50	97	147	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	150	100	† 250.00
Shirley, Village,	1828, Mar. 12	Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15	1870, Apr. 29	19	55	74	20	3	3	6	0	3	0	3	3	0	90	75	60.00
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855, May 3	L. Root Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1867, June 27	103	196	299		1	9	10	4	3	0	7	0	1	512	358	581.76
" North, Winter Hill,	1864, June 14	None.			33	55	88	11	5	9	14	1	8	0	9	4		205	152	475.00
Stoneham,	1729, July 2	None.			31	90	121	24	2	3	5	4	4	0	8	2	0	176	98	62.34
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640, Aug.	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1870, Feb. 1	60	130	190	30	2	3	5	3	4	0	7	1	1	185	123	328.66
Tewksbury,	1735, Nov. 23	None.			42	94	136	42	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	136	107	255.00
Townsend,	1734, Oct. 16	George H. Morss,	1864, May 11	1870, *A. p.*	72	158	230	32	4	6	10	3	9	0	12	2	1	140	100	547.63
Tyngsborough,	1808, Apr. 7	Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15	1869, Sept. 15	12	32	44	13	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	84	58	53.24
Wakefield,	1645, Nov. 5	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	70	141	211	27	15	17	32	1	7	0	8	9	1	250	175	945.00
Waltham,	1820, Sept. 28	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	48	135	183	23	2	15	17	2	6	0	8	2	9	190	135	‡ 563.79
Watertown, Phillips ch.,	1855, Apr. 17	None.			39	105	144	41	4	7	11	1	2	3	6	1	3	120	77	416.36
Wayland,	1828, May 21	Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10	1868, Nov. 10	36	47	83	13	0	2	2	0	10	0	10	0	3	100	70	123.82
Westford,	1828, Dec. 25	Nathan R. Nichols,			28	79	107	11	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	75	45	73.15
Wilmington,	1733, Oct. 24	Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22	1871, Apr. 13	40	91	131	17	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	0	8	160	110	332.72
Winchester,	1840, Nov. 19	Reuben T. Robinson,	1852, Oct. 27	1852, Oct. 27	118	206	324	74	1	1	2	2	8	0	10	0	4	352	225	
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642, Aug. 14	Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11	1868, June 24	198	342	540	101	28	5	33	12	13	0	25	8	4	491	336	2,500.00
" North,	1849, Nov. 22	Leander Thompson,	1858, Nov. 30	1869, *A. p.*	18	50	68	10	3	4	7	3	0	0	3	2	0	112	68	57.50
TOTAL: 75 churches, of which 12 are vacant.					4165	9476	13441	2228	279	393	672	231	354	13	598	126	178	15828	10896	$54,867.90

* $15,000 repairs. † $2,200 debt paid. ‡ New church built, $50,000.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Churches.		1871, August.			Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.-1870.-Rem.						Bap.	Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad	In.	To.	Av.	
Braintree, 1st ch.,	1707, Sept. 10	Richard S. Storrs, D. D.,	1811, July 3	1811, July 3	40	121	161	25	0	2	2	6	1	0	7	0	0	175	110	$27.51
" South,	1829, Nov. 18	Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19	1870, *A. p.*	21	50	71	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	160	95	100.00
Brookline, Harvard ch.,	1844, Aug. 26	L. Wheaton Allen,	1869, Oct. 13	1869, Oct. 13	67	116	183	43	1	6	7	3	11	0	14	0	1	210	122	3,255.59
Canton, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1828, July 3	None.			24	45	69	21	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	80	45	
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	1824, Nov. 24	Joseph F. Jennison,		1871, *A. p.*	22	94	116	19	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	7	140	75	200.00
" Beech Woods,	1863, Sept. 17	Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9	1871, Apr. 18	9	23	32	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	125	75	76.00
Dedham, 1st ch.,	1838, Nov. 8	Charles B. Smith,	1848, Oct.	1867, *A. p.*	42	159	201	26	1	5	6	2	3	0	5	0	4	225	185	3,170.00
" South,	1736, June 23	Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7	1863, Jan. 1	46	89	135		3	5	8	1	5	0	6	3	4	150	90	* 306.73
Dover, 2d Cong. ch.,	1839, Oct. 23	Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30	1867, *A. p.*	11	21	32	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	65	45	20.00
Foxborough,	1779, Nov. 5	None.			55	169	224	21	0	2	2	2	10	1	13	0	0	220	128	459.15
Franklin,	1737, Feb. 16	Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6	1871, *A. p.*	73	147	220	29	0	5	5	5	3	0	8	0	6	180	151	1,875.22
" South,	1855, Sept. 13	Luther Keene,	1863, Feb. 11	1867, Oct. 9	8	25	33	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	20	20.00
Hyde Park,	1863, May 7	Josiah Merrill,	1848, Mar. 1	1867, *A. p.*	57	99	156	16	2	22	24	1	3	0	4	0	9	250	151	450.00
Medfield, 2d Cong. ch.,	1828, Feb. 6	Perley B. Davis,	1862, Jan. 29	1867, Apr. 10	27	87	114	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	110	63	450.00
Medway, 1st ch., East,	1714, (prob.)	Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9	1869, *A. p.*	46	92	138	21	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	2	110	75	481.08
" 2d ch., West,	1750, Oct. 4	None.			100	207	307	17	2	2	4	3	7	0	10	0	3	272	139	849.51
" Village ch.,	1838, Sept. 7	Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2	1814, Nov. 2	66	170	236	45	4	3	7	2	5	0	7	3	2	160	110	885.00
Milton, 1st ch.,	1678, Apr. 21	Stephen Knowlton,	1865, Nov. 2	1865, Nov. 2	39	75	114	32	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	68	50	240.00
" 2d ch., Railway,	1843, Nov. 9	David Sanford,	1828, May 28	1838, Oct. 3	8	27	35	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	115	90	70.00
Needham, Wellesley,	1798, Sept. 7	Albert K. Teele,	1844, July 15	1850, Dec. 18	44	87	131	33	3	6	9	2	3	0	5	2	2	178	118	666.21
" Grantville,	1847, Feb. 24	" " "	" "	1865, *A. p.*	24	44	68	13	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	2	74	55	800.77
" Ev. Cong. ch.,	1857, May 6	George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23	1868, Jan. 23	16	27	43	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	130	62	60.00
Norfolk,	1839, July 18	James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23	1868, Dec. 29	34	107	141	20	7	3	10	1	2	1	4	7	4	265	200	
Quincy, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Aug. 16	William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15	1859, *A. p.*	24	44	68	13	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	2	74	55	800.77
Randolph, 1st ch.,	1731, May 28	Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 13	1869, Sept. 22	19	38	57	9	0	1	1	0	1	3	4	0	3	80	70	100.00
" 2d ch., East,	1818, Dec. 15	James E. Hall,	1867, Feb. 27	1868, Apr. 16	34	107	141	20	7	3	10	1	2	1	4	7	4	265	200	
" Winthrop ch., East,	1856, Dec. 30	John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4	1865, Dec. 14	43	98	141	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	202	144	2,045.25
Sharon, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, Jan. 25	*No public services.*			17	30	47	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	1744, Aug. 10	Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	1836, June 22	1857, Feb. 3	42	93	135	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	6	215	175	500.00
Walpole,	1826, Nov. 13	S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22	1868, Apr. 22	30	79	109	17	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	65	501.66
W. Roxbury, So. Ev.ch.,	1835, June 11	Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1	1856, Mar. 13	40	74	114	14	3	0	3	6	4	0	10	0	1	150	113	270.60
" Central ch. Jam. Pl.,	1853, Feb. 15	*No. report.*																		
Weymouth, 1st ch.,	1623,	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1868, Jan. 30	20	59	79	16	1	5	6	5	4	0	9	1	2	115	90	1,851.64
" 2d ch., South,	1723, Sept. 8	None.			71	130	201	51	10	14	24	2	12	0	14	1	6	225	162	1,502.82
" Landing,	1811, Aug. 14	Joshua Emery,	1835, May 13	1838, Jan. 25	43	85	128	5	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	114	78	765.66
" Union ch., South,	1842, Nov. 1	George F. Stanton,	1866, June 6	1870, Oct. 27	29	79	108	18	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	220	142	611.69
" Pilgrim ch., North,	1852, Mar. 11	Alfred A. Ellsworth,	1862, Sept. 4	1868, *A. p.*	45	109	154	9	1	1	2	2	7	5	14		2	184	113	590.70
" East,	1860, Mar.	Cooley,		1871, *A. p.*	29	85	114	15	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	3	180	75	234.54
Wrentham, 1st ch.,	1692, Apr. 13	None.			20	48	68	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	152	115	275.00
		Elbridge P. McElroy,	1870, Feb. 23	1871, *A. p.*	97	155	252	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	270	223	941.00
		William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9	1866, *A. p.*	41	158	199	25	4	3	7	5	6	0	11	2		179	150	430.00
TOTAL: 39 churches, of which 6 are vacant.					1549	3540	5059	706	54	96	150	86	107	11	204	24	76	6110	4113	$24,693.32

* 1,043.50 for church debt.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Churches. 1871, August.		Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Abington, 1st ch.,	1712,	Archibald Burfree,	1855, Oct. 2	1870, *A. p.*	55	98	153	14	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	4	261	138	$703.38
" 2d ch., South,	1807, Aug. 19	John Thompson,		1871, *A. p.*	83	170	253	25	5	0	5	3	3	0	6	2	0	220	175	335.00
" 3d ch., East,	1813, Aug. 27	Jessie H. Jones,	1861, May 19	1871, *A. p.*	68	153	221	21	1	3	4	8	2	0	10	1	0	235	175	1,013.75
" 4th ch., North,	1839, Oct. 3	David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29	1870, *A. p.*	24	79	103	15	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	105	76	77.32
Bridgewater, Cen. Sq. ch.	1821, Oct. 17	Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 13	1868, Apr. 9	48	86	134	20	4	11	15	1	0	0	1	4	1	335	216	476.55
" Scotland,	1836, July 4	Abel G. Duncan,	1829, May 13	1867, *A. p.*	16	35	51	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	72	46	75.00
Carver, North,	1733, May 13	Frederick Janes,	1837,	1870, *A. p.*	18	47	65	18	4	2	6	4	2	0	6	3	0	63	50	33.60
Duxbury, West Cong.	1843, Dec. 25	A. Parke Burgess,	1859, Apr.	1870, *A. p.*	16	43	59	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	70	
E. Bridgewater Un. ch.,	1826, June 30	Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9	1870, *A. p.*	58	82	140	21	4	4	8	3	4	0	7	3	3	110	78	94.69
Halifax,	1734, Oct. 16	William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8	1866, Oct. 31	23	48	71	4	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	174	100	
Hanover, 1st ch.,	1728, Dec. 5	Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6	1871, *A. p.*	10	39	49	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	80	50	21.30
" 2d ch., Four Corners,	1854, Apr. 12	None.			19	35	54	11	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	1		30	124.79
Hanson,	1748, Aug. 31	None.			8	20	28	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0			
Hingham, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1847, Dec. 21	None.			17	33	50	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	95	65	99.21
Kingston,	1828, Mar. 19	Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30	1842, *A. p.*	17	53	70	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	45	
Lakeville,	1725, Oct. 6	Homer Barrows,	1836, June 1	1869, *A. p.*	40	60	100	25	6	0	6	2	0	0	2	5	0		80	121.93
Marion,	1703, Oct. 13	Leander Cobb,	1827, Sept. 7	1841, Dec. 1	43	63	106	16	2	0	2	2	6	0	8	2	3	120	70	277.50
Marshfield, 1st ch.,	1632,	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5	1850, Oct. 30	14	54	68	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	147	92	426.34
" 2d ch., East,	1835, July 4	James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3	1870, Sept. 27	22	32	54	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	48.50
Mattapoisett,	1736, July 28	Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13	1871, Apr. 13	45	95	140	30	5	1	6	7	4	0	11	3	5	115	84	53.49
Middleborough, 1st ch.,	1694, Dec. 26	Ephraim N. Hidden,	1841, Sept. 1	1870, *A. p.*	96	166	262	41	4	4	8	0	4	0	4	4	1	200	125	213.10
" North,	1748,	Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12	1868, *A. p.*	37	107	144	8	2	4	6	5	3	0	8	2	0	150	125	160.00
" Central ch.,	1847, Mar. 25	None.			53	131	184	23	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	175	135	
N. Bridgewater, 1st ch.,	1740, Oct. 15	Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12	1868, June 24	84	167	251	18	18	7	25	3	7	0	10	8	2	306	176	369.44
" So. ch., Campello,	1837, Jan. 3	Charles W. Wood,	1839, Oct. 29	1858, Feb. 3	78	112	190	16	9	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	280	192	528.50
" Porter Ev. ch.,	1850, Mar. 6	None.			93	175	268		6	7	13	5	5	0	10	0	0	350	220	534.63
Plymouth, 2d ch., South,	1738, Nov. 8	Sam. W. Cozzens, D. D.,	1832, Aug. 8	1868, *A. p.*	26	57	83	3	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	2	3	60	40	50.00
" 3d ch.,	1801, Oct. 1	George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1870, Apr. 10	71	194	265	60	7	9	16	5	1	3	9	3	0	185	140	422.83
" 4th ch., Chiltonville,	1818, June 18	Robert F. Lawrence,	1834, Jan. 29	1870, *A. p.*	55	91	146	-	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	90	60	
" 5th ch.,	1862, Nov. 6	None.			39	72	111	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70		
Plympton,	1698, Oct. 27	Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7	1868, *A. p.*	21	74	95	17	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	90	70	26.00
Rochester, Centre,	1703, Oct. 13	None.			22	66	88	22	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	50	30	150.00
" North,	1753, (about)	William W. Baldwin,	1870, Jan. 18	1870, Jan. 18	2	12	14	5	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	20	32.03
Scituate,	1635, Jan. 28	Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25	1870, *A. p.*	18	54	72	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	51	60.00
Wareham,	1749, Dec. 25	Isaiah C. Thacher,	1845, Dec. 25	1870, Oct. 27	33	89	122	15	0	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	150	90	300.00
TOTAL: 35 churches, of which 7 are vacant.					1372	2892	4264	572	85	65	150	73	64	3	140	49	28	4872	3261	$6,828.88

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Boston, Old South ch.,	1669, May 12–16	Geo. W. Blagden, D.D., J. M. Manning, D. D.,	1827, Dec. 25 1854, Jan. 3	1836, Sept. 28 1857, Mar. 11	106	246	352		18	2	20	9	7	0	16	10		140	125	$11,601.20
" Dorchester, 2d ch.,	1808, Jan. 1	James H. Means,	1848, July 13	1848, July 13	91	239	330		15	4	19	10	7	1	18	4	6	295	186	4,670.00
" Park st. ch.,	1809, Feb. 27	William H. H. Murray,	1868, Feb. 19	1868, Nov. 11	340	680	1020	250	45	28	73	3	28	0	31	15	6	475	337	17,000.00
" Union ch.,	1822, June 2	Nehemiah Adams, D.D. Henry M. Parsons,	1829, Dec. 17 1854, Nov. 15	1834, Mar. 26 1870, Dec. 1	124	319	443		0	0	0	3			3	0	0	210		
" Phillips ch., South,	1823, Dec. 10	Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2	1859, Sept. 21	126	271	397	60	12	16	28	5	13	0	18	8	4	797	463	4,659.11
" Salem and Mariner's ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20	1870, *A. p.*	50	75	125		24	21	45	2	17	0	19			186	135	
" Berkeley st. ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2	1867, Oct. 30	166	341	507		25	24	49	1	20	0	21	12	14	600	400	1,892.00
" Vil. ch., Dorchester,	1829, Mar. 11	William B. Clarke,	1855, May 4	1871, *A. p.*	35	82	117	24	2	1	3	3	5	0	8	2	0	116	88	825.47
" Eliot ch., Highlands,	1834, Sept. 18	Aug. C. Thompson, D.D.,	1842, July 27	1842, July 27	125	261	386	166	4	11	15	6	90	0	96	0	13	297	232	
" Central ch.,	1835, May 11	John De Witt,	1865, June 9	1869, Dec. 1	105	251	356		12	8	20	7	11	0	18	3		370	264	9,259.22
" Maverick ch., East,	1836, May 31	Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3	1871, *P. e.*	161	353	514		7	6	13	4	13	0	17	3	5			1,191.50
" Mt. Vernon ch.,	1842, June 1	Edward N. Kirk, D. D., Samuel E. Herrick,	1828, Oct. 23 1863, Oct. 13	1842, June 1 1871, Apr. 12	192	391	583		3	7	10	11	23	0	34	1	4	250	175	8,271.58
" Shawmut ch.,	1845, Nov. 20	Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11	1860, Oct. 5	161	328	489	56	39	12	51	0	11	0	11		10	917	605	8,591.36
" Vine st. ch., — Highlands,	1857, Apr. 9	John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3	1857, June 3	81	184	265	37	5	11	16	4	14	0	18	1	7	376	206	2,388.00
" Trin. ch., Neponset,	1859, Mar. 11	Rowland H. Allen,	1865, Nov. 1	1870, Feb. 8	26	49	75	6	8	10	18	2	2	0	4	2	10	153	115	258.00
" E st. ch., South,	1860, Mar. 21	Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2	1867, June 18	82	163	245	50	15	17	32	4	2	2	8	8	5	331	192	377.00
" Chambers st. ch.,	1861, Dec. 4	*Pastors of Old South.*					121		1	11	12		8		8			456		
" Cottage st. ch., — Ward 16,	1867, July 2	Frederick R. Abbe,	1857, Sept. 3	1871, May 10	13	28	41	3	2	8	10	1	6	0	7	0	1	126	90	
" Highland ch.,	1869, Mar. 4	Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29	1870, Sept. 29	38	60	98	3	21	7	28	1	0	0	1			450	327	550.18
" Walnut Av., — Highlands,	1870, Dec. 19	None.			36	48	84	0	0	84	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	130	
Chelsea, Winnisimmet c.	1841, Sept. 20	Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10	1858, Nov. 10	202	381	583	40	12	18	30	3	16	0	19	3	12	652	430	6,356.30
" Central ch.,	1851, Apr. 2	None.			100	235	335		9	4	13	3	7	2	12		1	700	485	
Revere,	1828, May 9	Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19	1869, *A. p.*	7	27	34	14	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	40	61.05
TOTAL: 23 churches, of which 2 are vacant.					2388	5112	7500	1187	282	310	592	83	300	5	388	72	98	8755	5932	$77,951.97

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Churches.	1871, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1871,Jan.1.				Admit.–1870.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashburnham, 1st ch.,	1760, Apr. 27	Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16	1871, *A. p.*	66	105	171	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	130	$200.00
" 2d ch.,	1860, June 29	None.			7	11	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	24	55.25
Athol,	1750, Aug. 23	Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 20	1868, Mar. 4	80	174	254	25	43	7	50	3	5	0	8	32	5	260	180	867.33
Auburn,	1776, June 25	Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	57	95	152	50	0	4	4	2	2	0	4	0	0	125	85	209.73
Barre, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1827, Aug. 15	Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11	1869, Oct. 29	53	129	182	25	0	4	4	4	3	0	7	0	2	200	140	616.00
Berlin,	1779, Apr. 9	William A. Houghton,	1853, Oct. 26	1853, Oct. 26	58	95	153	41	1	3	4	4	0	0	4	1	3	200	120	147.00
Blackstone,	1841, Apr. 15	John E. Edwards,	1840, Apr. 6	1862, June 3	18	34	52	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	2	168	90	
Boylston,	1743, Oct. 6	Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 25	1866, *A. p.*	38	93	131	28	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	2	9	178	122	216.05
Brookfield,	1756, Apr. 15	Joshua Coit,	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	58	82	140	27	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	180	100	845.60
Charlton, Cal. Cong. ch.,	1761, Apr. 16	John Haven,	1836, Dec. 14	1850, Apr. 1	19	62	81	22	0	2	2	2	6	0	8	0	0	90	60	182.82
Clinton, 1st Ev. ch.,	1844, Nov. 14	De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11	1868, Nov. 11	93	207	300	61	32	9	41	4	2	0	6	12	2	387	262	993.27
Dana, Centre,	1852, Sept. 28	Orlando Russell,		1870, *A. p.*	8	13	21	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	30	
Douglas, 1st ch.,	1747, Nov. 11	Amos Holbrook,	1866, May 9	1868, *A. p.*	23	40	63	27	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	6	106	70	43.80
" East,	1834, June 10	William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4	1866, Mar. 21	46	136	182	27	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	2	150	110	304.50
Dudley,	1732,	None.			29	76	105	32	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	112	69	250.00
Fitchburg, Calv. ch.,	1768, Jan. 27	None.			123	234	357	40	2	3	5	3	23	0	26	0	3	210	175	1,744.13
" Rollstone ch.,	1868, Apr. 16	Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16	1868, Apr. 16	74	156	230	11	5	31	36	2	2	0	4	3	7	300	190	899.19
Gardner, 1st ch.,	1786, Feb. 1	John E. Wheeler,	1869, Aug. 25	1869, Aug. 25	84	183	267	44	4	3	7	6	1	1	8	3	3	250	156	647.70
Grafton,	1731, Dec. 28	John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22	1868, Sept. 29	63	151	214	64	4	0	4	3	4	0	7	2	2	195	117	750.00
" Saundersville,	1860, Apr. 18	Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Aug. 1	1868, June 22	16	32	48	7	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	2	2	109	66	197.00
Hardwick, 1st Calv. ch.,	1736, Nov. 17	Elbridge W. Merritt,	1866, Mar. 7	1870, *A. p.*	18	47	65	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	9	60	46	
" Gilbertville,	1867, Mar. 7	Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6	1870, Dec. 6	6	19	25	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	60	39	18.65
Harvard,	1733,	George H. Pratt,	1866, Oct. 11	1866, Oct. 30	38	95	133	27	26	6	32	4	0	0	4	15	0	125	90	594.19
Holden,	1742, Dec. 28	William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24	1833, Oct. 11	77	169	246	45	1	0	1	9	3	0	12	1	0	200	125	500.00
Hubbardston,	1770, Feb. 14	John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31	1870, Sept. 14	42	92	134	28	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	70	20.00
Lancaster,	1839, May 22	Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10	1870, *A. p.*	37	84	121	36	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	54	53	403.76
Leicester, 1st Cong. ch.,	1721, Mar. 30	John Nelson, D. D., / Amos H. Coolidge,	1812, Mar. 4 / 1857, Apr. 21	1812, Mar. 4 / 1857, Apr. 21	94	153	247	42	0	4	4	5	10	0	15	0	1	235	155	1,057.50
Leominster,	1822, Dec. 25	William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29	1865, Oct. 17	121	233	354	49	43	14	57	11	1	0	12	33	4	270	190	1,821.55
Lunenburg,	1835, June 10	William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5	1870, Feb. 2	40	58	98	13	9	12	21	0	2	0	2	4	1	150	75	148.23
Milford, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, July 15	S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29	1868, Aug. 5	71	185	256	40	16	11	27	6	4	0	10	15		373	218	
Millbury, 1st ch.,	1747, Sept. 10	George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14	1871, *A. p.*	46	105	151	33	1	2	3	5	10	1	16	0	1	200	146	537.00
" 2d ch.,	1827, Aug. 23	Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1866, Dec. 6	52	145	197	32	3	18	11	2	3	0	5	1	2	125	102	310.00
New Braintree,	1754. Apr. 18	John Dodge,	1842, June 13	1871, May 3	17	70	87	16	0	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	56	35	165.00
Northborough,	1832, Apr. 12	Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21	1870, *A. p.*	28	63	91	36	2	3	5	3	2	0	5	1	0	175	105	62.72

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Northbridge, 1st ch.,	1782, June 6	Thomas S. Norton,	1846, Feb. 4	1869, *A. p.*	23	69	92	16	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	100	80				
" Whitinsville,	1834, July 31	John R. Thurston,	1850, Jan. 20	1871, Apr. 20	76	131	207	50	1	3	4	2	5	0	7	0	1	295	196	$6,088.65			
North Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1762, May 28	Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, June 26	1868, Sept. 17	100	191	291	43	3	5	8	5	2	0	7	3	1	305	160	2,804.96			
" Union ch.,	1854, June 6	None.			40	81	121	22	2	3	5	1	4	0	5	0	0	125	76	335.00			
Oakham,	1773, June 23	None.			66	152	218	38	0	0	0	7	2	0	9	0	0	330	145	560.00			
Oxford,	1821, Jan. 18	Thomas E. Babb,	1869, Jan. 19	1871, *P. e.*	64	117	181	19	0	1	1	3	7	0	10	0	5	146	108	597.99			
Paxton,	1767, Sept. 3	None.			24	56	80	17	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	150	77	75.55			
Petersham,	1823, June 25	Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18	1868, *A. p.*	23	67	90	16	2	1	3	3	4	3	10	1	2	90	60	71.00			
Phillipston,	1785, Nov. 26	Charles F. Morse,	1856, Aug. 13	1871, May 17	55	98	153	26	2	1	3	4	0	0	4	1	1	204	113	483.17			
Princeton, 1st ch., Centre,	1764, Aug. 12	Roger M. Sargent,	1852, Apr. 27	1869, June 10	45	104	149	24	7	1	8	7	1	0	8	3	4	164	91	261.44			
Royalston, 1st ch.,	1766, Oct. 13	John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29	1870, Nov. 30	40	85	125	19	3	3	6	0	13	0	13	2	1	127	90	603.03			
" 2d ch., South,	1837, Feb. 22	Walter Rice,	1865, July 24	1868, *A. p.*	47	78	125	19	11	1	12	2	4	0	6	10	0	102	72	202.00			
Rutland,	1720, June 7	Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16	1866, Sept. 5	63	126	189	33	4	5	9	3	2	0	5	4	3	200	120	200.00			
Shrewsbury,	1723, Dec. 4	E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25	1867, Nov. 7	64	122	186	40	6	4	10	5	5	0	10	3	0	220	110	305.00			
Southboro', Pilgrim ch.,	1831, Feb. 17	John Colby,	1855, Oct. 31	1865, Apr. 20	34	75	109	12	0	2	2	1	7	8	15	0	0	140	82	214.00			
" Southville,	1865, Jan. 18	William H. Phipps,	1866, Aug. 29	1870, *A. p.*	9	25	34	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	50	20.00			
Southbridge,	1801, Sept. 16	Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17	1869, Oct. 14	46	118	164	39	1	9	10	4	3	0	7	1	3	130	85	907.83			
Spencer,	1744, May 17	None.			63	121	184	18	1	3	4	2	5	0	7	0	0	375	189	1,185.06			
Sterling,	1852, June 22	[Lucian D. Mears, *Lic.*]		1870, *A. p.*	28	54	82	17	2	8	10	0	1	0	1	2	0	105	80	121.00			
Sturbridge,	1736, Sept. 29	Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7	1867, June 29	76	158	234	38	0	2	2	8	4	0	12	0	0	130	108	401.23			
Sutton, 1st ch.,	1720, *Autumn*	Hiram A. Tracy,	1835, Jan. 1	1871, *A. p.*	56	135	191	32	43	4	47	3	1	0	4	28	5	133	87	202.00			
Templeton,	1832, Apr. 11	Lewis Sabin, D. D.,	1836, June 8	1837, Sept. 21	32	54	86	14	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	1	2	130	90	563.00			
Upton,	1735. Jan. 18	None.			74	173	247	47	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	271	165				
Uxbridge,	1730, Jan.	Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 16	1868, Dec. 2	44	129	173	47	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	234	120	1,087.00			
Warren,	1745,	Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25	1868, Nov. 19	70	131	201	41	0	6	6	3	1	0	4	0	2	260	150	532.36			
" West,	1866, June 5	E. G. Wicks,		1870, *A. p.*	22	25	47	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	1			82	53				
Webster,	1838, Jan. 13	None.			52	122	174	11	12	3	15	1	2	0	3	5	6	260	140	707.00			
Westborough,	1834. Jan. 7	None.			97	220	317	45	3	8	11	8	6	0	14	1	1	300	225	1,000.00			
West Boylston,	1796, Sept. 15	Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3	1870, *A. p.*	48	107	155	29	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	130	100				
West Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1717, Oct. 16	Richard B. Bull,	1854, Nov.	1871, Mar. 14	110	216	326	34	5	3	8	3	5	0	8	3	2	325	175	269.45			
Westminster,	1742. Oct. 20	William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20	187 , *A. p.*	57	117	174	23	0	0	0	5	5	1	11	0	2	130	96	466.25			
Winchendon, 1st ch.,	1762, Dec. 15	Willard Brigham,	1843. May 24	1869, *A. p.*	32	50	82	13	4	1	5	1	3	0	4	1	0	80	50	122.60			
" North,	1843, Dec. 7	Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1	1869, May 19	62	177	239	27	35	13	48	3	3	0	6	29	0	250	150	1,201.50			
Worcester, 1st ch.,	1716,	Royal B. Stratton,	1848,	1867. Jan. 2	182	402	584	80	6	10	16	4	17	0	21	3	3	380	233	1,441.13			
" Calvinist ch.,	1820, Aug.	Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23	1838, Dec. 19	74	213	287	28	0	7	7	4	9	0	13	0	0	162	144	3,097.82			
" Union ch.,	1836,	Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6	1855, Sept. 5	134	278	362	20	1	7	8	11	11	2	24	0	0	308	216	2,339.81			
" Salem st. ch.,	1848, June 14	Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5	1871, May 3	89	189	278		2	2	4	8	16	0	24	2	0	410	220	4,950.00			
" Mission Chap. ch.,	1865. Jan. 22	Henry T. Cheever,	1847, June 4	1864, *A. p.*	13	28	41	8	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	128	100	157.00			
" Plymouth ch.,	1869. July 7	None.			99	153	252	0	12	29	31	1	1	0	2	4	4	560	324	753.32			
TOTAL: 73 churches, of which 12 are vacant.					4033	8523	12556	2696	376	284	670	216	266	16	498	247	126	13639	9475	$45,165.12			

SUMMARY.

COUNTIES.	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1, 1871.				Additions in 1870.			Removals in 1870.				Bapt. 1870.		In Sab. Schs.		Benev. Contributions.
	With Pas.	With A.P.	Vacant	Total.	Pastors	Act Pas.	Others.	Total.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant	Total.	Av. at.	
Barnstable, ..	7	8	7	22	7	8	2	17	591	1,390	1,981	296	49	10	59	32	20	0	52	23	15	2,298	1,458	$2,735 34
Berkshire, ...	16	13	3	32	16	13	14	43	1,519	3,148	4,667	873	152	88	240	67	161	1	229	95	65	4,480	2,911	17,340.44
Bristol, ...	12	9	6	27	12	9	4	25	1,207	2,713	3,920	654	66	46	112	58	56	7	121	45	53	4,084	3,358	10,706.29
Dukes, ...	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	75	125	200	34	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	2	2	162	125	20.00
Essex, ...	48	11	8	67	49	11	23	83	3,122	8,057	11,179	1,645	364	218	582	180	175	4	359	205	128	13,331	8,974	42,627.49
Franklin, ...	14	10	5	29	14	10	10	34	1,089	2,056	3,145	409	76	102	178	70	129	6	205	43	51	3,679	2,394	6,947.91
Hampden, ...	23	8	5	36	23	8	6	37	1,712	3,716	5,428	818	214	205	419	98	193	0	291	126	79	5,940	3,941	21,638.96
Hampshire, ..	32	6	1	39	32	6	19	57	2,315	4,646	6,961	941	161	175	336	141	219	4	364	77	106	6,523	4,480	27,983.38
Middlesex, ...	50	12	13	75	50	12	43	105	4,165	9,276	13,441	2,228	279	393	672	231	354	13	598	126	178	15,828	10,866	54,867.99
Nantucket, ...	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	45	237	282	58	3	5	8	9	5	3	17	2	0	190	155	322.75
Norfolk, ...	21	12	6	39	22	12	10	44	1,519	3,540	5,059	706	54	96	150	86	107	11	204	24	76	6,110	4,113	24,693.32
Plymouth, ...	11	17	7	35	11	17	8	36	1,372	2,892	4,264	572	85	65	150	73	64	3	140	49	28	4,872	3,261	6,828.88
Suffolk, ...	17	4	2	23	19	4	18	41	2,388	5,112	7,500	1,187	282	310	592	83	300	5	388	72	98	8,755	5,932	77,951.97
Worcester, ...	41	20	12	73	42	20	9	71	4,033	8,523	12,556	2,096	376	294	670	216	266	16	498	237	126	13,099	9,475	45,165.12
TOTAL, 1871: .	292	134	75	501	297	134	166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	$339,829.84
TOTAL, 1870: .	294	119	89	502	298	117	176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,368	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,819.62
" 1869: .	311	116	73	500	314	115	172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,092.80
" 1860: .	325	81	82	488	333	78	176	587	24,489	51,882	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124	Unk.	Unknown.
" 1850: .	347	55	54	456	356	66					64,530											64,178	"	"
" 1840: .				408							62,513											62,305	"	"
" 1830: .				347							37,987											34,787	"	"

NOTE. — Ministers residing out of the State, and Foreign Missionaries, are not included, although members of Associations; nor are ministers "without charge" included who are not members of Associations, although residing in the State. Many of those (not in pastoral service) whose occupation is in Boston, reside in other counties. Benevolent Contributions are, as usual, imperfectly reported.

CHURCH RECORD.

NEW CHURCHES, with date of organization:

Duxbury, Plymouth Co.; the Wesleyan Church, organized December 25, 1843, was reorganized, by Council, as a Congregational church, September 7, 1870.

Boston, Suffolk Co.; Walnut Avenue church, in Highlands, (formerly Roxbury,) December 19, 1870.

CHURCHES DROPPED FROM THE LIST:

Fitchburg, Worcester Co.; Trinitarian church, extinct.

Mendon, Worcester Co.; extinct, having had no signs of life for many years.

Williamstown, Berkshire Co.; White Oaks church, organized December 20, 1868, and put on our list in 1869. The acting pastor writes that it is a "Union church," and refuses to have it reported as a Congregational church.

CHANGES OF NAME:

Chelsea, Suffolk Co.; Broadway church is now Central church.

Framingham, Middlesex Co.; Hollis church is now Plymouth church.

Groton, South, Middlesex Co.; incorporated as the town of AYER.

North Chelsea, Suffolk Co., is now the town of REVERE.

Stow, Middlesex Co.; by division of the town, the Assabet church is in the new town of MAYNARD.

Since the date of compilation, January 1, 1871, two new churches have been organized, which do not go into our annual summary until January 1, 1871, viz.: Mill River, in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., and Park st., in West Springfield, Hampden Co.

CONFERENCES.

The churches are associated, as they were in 1870, in twenty-four Conferences, as given on pages 69–76.

The following churches are not reported as connected with any Conference:

Chilmark, Edgartown, and West Tisbury, Dukes Co.

Cromble st. ch., in Salem, Essex Co.

Montgomery, Hampden Co.
Pelham, Hampshire Co.
Evangelical ch. in Needham, Norfolk Co.
Lakeville, Plymouth Co.

The following is a list of towns in which no Congregational church exists, with population by census of 1870.

BARNSTABLE Co.:

Brewster, 1,263; a church appears, for the last time, in 1844.
Eastham, 668; church dropped in 1866, after years of virtual extinction.
Mashpee, 348; an Indian town.

BERKSHIRE Co.:

Alford, 430; church dropped in 1869.
Cheshire, 1,758.
Clarksburg, 686.
Florida, 1,322; church disbanded in 1831.
Hancock, 882.
Mt. Washington, 256; church dropped in 1870, only one member remaining.
New Ashford, 208.
Savoy, 861; church disbanded in 1816.
Tyringham, 557; Monterey took the church in 1846.

BRISTOL Co.:

Acushnet, 1,132. But the First church, New Bedford, is in the *village*, which occupies both sides of the river; and the parsonage is in the *town* of Acushnet.
Swanzey, 1,294.

DUKES Co.:

Gay Head, 160; an Indian town, formerly part of Chilmark.
Gosnold, 99; covering the Elizabeth Islands.

ESSEX Co.:

Nahant, 476.

FRANKLIN Co.:

Leyden, 519.
Monroe, 201.
Rowe, 581; church dropped in 1859.

HAMPDEN Co.:

Russell, 639; a church was organized in 1800, but it never had a settled pastor. A "union church" now exists.
Wales, 831.

MIDDLESEX CO.:

Hudson, 3,389; this town was formed of parts of Marlborough and Stow.

Stow, 1,813; the town of Maynard, incorporated in 1871, takes the church at Assabet out of Stow.

NORFOLK CO.:

Bellingham, 1,282; church disbanded in 1774.

PLYMOUTH CO.:

Hull, 261.

Pembroke, 1,447; church extinct for many years.

South Scituate, 1,661.

West Bridgewater, 1,803; partially supplied by church at East Bridgewater, which was formerly called the "church of East and West Bridgewater."

SUFFOLK CO.:

Winthrop, 532.

WORCESTER CO.:

Bolton, 1,015. The church became extinct by the formation of several new churches in the neighborhood.

Mendon, 1,175; church long invisible, dropped this year.

COMPARISONS.

The comparisons of the summaries of this and the last previous annual reports, are seen on page 110.

It will be noticed that the number of *vacant churches* is 14 less than last year, but that the improvement is only in the direction of acting pastors.

The *membership* gains 517.

The *deaths* are .01706 of the membership reporting deaths.

The decrease in the *Sabbath-schools* is now on its second year. The *average attendance* is .6764 of the membership; in years next preceding, respectively, .6679, .6515, .6718, .6760, — which shows an improvement over the last four years.

Benevolent Contributions show an increase of $2,010.22; 46 churches not reporting, against 53 not reporting last year.

DELINQUENT.

Two churches, only, fail to report this year, viz.: Pelham, Hampshire county, and Walpole, Norfolk county.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS, 27, as given (with lists of members, etc.) on pages 77-93. No change appears in the number or name of the Associations. The Associations do not comprise all the ministers in the State. A few pastors and acting pastors are not members, but their names are given with their churches. Ministers not in pastoral service and not members of Associations, are necessarily officially unknown. Of the 166 without pastoral charge, many are officials of religious societies, officers of colleges and schools, editors, and the like. About one sixth are known to be disabled by age or bodily infirmities, and many are known to be in secular business.

PERSONAL CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF MINUTES.

PASTORS ORDAINED:

Willard D. Brown, Gilbertville, December 6, 1870.
Michael Burnham, Fall River, October 25, 1870.
Charles E. Cooledge, Holyoke, May 24, 1871.
Albert E. Dunning, Boston Highlands, September 30, 1870.
Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, June 7, 1871.
Payson W. Lyman, Belchertown, May 10, 1871.
Edward A. Reed, Springfield, June 14, 1871.
Edward G. Smith, Mattapoisett, April 13, 1871.
Albert Watson, Lawrence, June 27, 1871.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION:

William R. Stocking, at Westfield, June 19, 1871.
Richard Winsor, at Medway, 1870.
F. P. Wood, at Acton, July 24, 1871.

PASTORS INSTALLED:

Frederick R. Abbe, Dorchester, May 10, 1871.
James M. Bacon, Ashby, November 2, 1870.
Pliny F. Barnard, Westhampton, June 30, 1870.
Samuel Bell, East Cambridge, October 31, 1870.
Richard S. Billings, Dalton, June 26, 1871.
J. Henry Bliss, South Hadley, January 11, 1871.
Joseph Boardman, Dracut, September 1, 1870.

M. Bradford Boardman, Brimfield, December 1, 1870.
Richard B. Bull, West Brookfield, March 14, 1871.
Thomas Crowther, Mill River, March 15, 1871.
John P. Cushman, Royalston, November 30, 1870.
John Dodge, New Braintree, May 3, 1871.
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr., Framingham, June 8, 1871.
Rufus Emerson, Granby, March 1, 1871.
Henry C. Fay, Harwich Port, October 12, 1870.
Addison P. Foster, Malden, March 29, 1871.
Joseph F. Gaylord, Worthington, August 3, 1870.
William B. Hammond, New Bedford, November 16, 1870.
Samuel E. Herrick, Boston, April 12, 1871.
Benjamin Howe, Linebrook, May 3, 1871.
Charles M. Hyde, Haverhill, November 15, 1870.
Charles Jones, Saxonville, November 3, 1870.
Henry S. Kelsey, Holliston, October 13, 1870.
Charles M. Lamson, Worcester, May 3, 1871.
A. F. Marsh, Shelburne, October 25, 1870.
Allen D. Morehouse, Essex, June 30, 1870.
Charles F. Morse, Phillipston, May 17, 1871.
Theodore T. Munger, Lawrence, June 14, 1871.
Henry M. Parsons, Boston, December 1, 1870.
Moses Patten, Carlisle, October 27, 1870.
Benjamin A. Roble, Wilmington, April 13, 1871.
James C. Seagrave, East Marshfield, September 27, 1870.
S. Willard Segur, Gloucester, June 14, 1871.
Irem W. Smith, Tolland, June 15, 1870.
George P. Stanton, South Weymouth, October 27, 1870.
Moody A. Stevens, Cohasset, April 18, 1871.
John M. Stowe, Hubbardston, September 14, 1870.
Isaiah C. Thacher, Wareham, October 27, 1870.
John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, April 20, 1871.
H. R. Timlow, Walpole, September 28, 1870.
William K. Vaill, Packardville, June 28, 1871.
Edwin S. Williams, Andover, November 9, 1870.
Will C. Wood, Wenham, October 19, 1870.

Pastors Dismissed:

William F. Bacon, Amesbury, September 20, 1870.
David M. Bean, Webster, May 24, 1871.
James M. Bell, Watertown, May 23, 1871.
Samuel Bell, Ayer.
Joel S. Bingham, D. D., South Boston, September 6, 1870.
M. Bradford Boardman, Lynnfield, November 7, 1870.
Swift Byington, Stoneham, April 26, 1871.
Perkins K. Clark, Mittineaque, April 18, 1871.

Sereno D. Clark, Provincetown.
Asahel Cobb, New Bedford, November 16, 1870.
James W. Cooper, Rockport.
James Cruickshanks, Spencer, July, 1871.
John H. Dennison, Williamstown.
William E. Dickinson, Canton.
Benjamin Dodge, Abington, June 29, 1870.
Samuel Dunham, West Brookfield, October 27, 1870.
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr., Somerville, May 19, 1871.
Alfred Emerson, Fitchburg.
Samuel E. Evans, Seekonk.
Henry C. Fay, Hubbardston, September 14, 1870.
Franklin E. Fellows, Sutton.
Calvin R. Fitts, Cohasset.
James H. Fitts, West Boylston, October 11, 1870.
Archibald Geikie, Granville.
Washington Gladden, Adams, March 23, 1871.
Henry M. Grout, West Springfield, January 2, 1871.
Joseph C. Halliday, Oakham, April 27, 1871.
Horace James, Lowell, December 13, 1870.
Ephraim O. Jameson, Amesbury, May 24, 1871.
Stephen H. Hayes, South Weymouth, November 17, 1870.
Samuel E. Herrick, Chelsea.
Henry W. Jones, Hingham.
Jesse H. Jones, Natick, May 16, 1871.
James P. Kimball, Falmouth, November 17, 1870.
Charles M. Lamson, North Bridgewater, April 11, 1871.
Bernard Paine, New Bedford, April 1, 1871.
Henry M. Parsons, Springfield, November 6, 1870.
Francis B. Perkins, Jamaica Plain, September 22, 1870.
Alvah M. Richardson, Linebrook, September 3, 1870.
Merrill Richardson, Worcester, September 22, 1870.
Jacob Roberts, Medway.
Samuel L. Rockwood, North Weymouth.
Edward P. Tenney, Topsfield, September 30, 1870.
Henry M. Tenney, Dorchester, September 21, 1870.
Isaiah C. Thacher, Gloucester, August 18, 1870.
Martyn Tupper, Hardwick, September 1, 1870.
William K. Vaill, Shutesbury.
Samuel H. Virgin, Somerville, March 21, 1871.
Daniel W. Waldron, Weymouth.
Avery S. Walker, Fairhaven, July 27, 1871.
Lyman White, Phillipston.
Daniel Wight, Ashburnham, February 1, 1871.
Webster Woodbury, Ashfield.

Ministers Deceased:

Pastors:

Ebenezer Burgess, D. D., Dedham, December 5, 1870, aged 80.
Lewis F. Clark, Whitinsville, October 13, 1870, aged 58.
William F. Snow, Lawrence, January 11, 1871, aged 32.

Acting Pastor:

Benjamin Sawyer, Salisbury, March 26, 1871, aged 88.

Without pastoral charge:

Edward P. Kingsbury, late of Dunstable, at Newton Centre, April 4, 1871, aged 29.
Solomon Lyman, Easthampton, January 18, 1871, aged 70.
Thomas H. Rood, Westfield, September 28, 1870, aged 47.
Henry A. Woodman, Newburyport, January 21, 1871, aged 58.

CHANGES IN CHURCHES, PASTORATES, ETC., BY COUNTIES, SINCE LAST ISSUE.

COUNTIES.	Churches.				Ministers.									Sabbath Schools.	
	Number.		Members.		The Pastorate.					Deaths.		Licensed.			
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without installation.	Pastors.	Others.	The year.	Under care.	Gain.	Loss.
Barnstable,	0	0	8	—	1	1	2							11	—
Berkshire,	0	1	173	—		2	2							—	250
Bristol,	0	0	—	47	1	1	4							—	304
Dukes,	0	0	11	—										—	25
Essex,	0	0	441	—	1	7	7	1		1	2			—	101
Franklin,	0	0	—	46		1	2							—	282
Hampden,	0	0	75	—	2	2	4		1		1			758	—
Hampshire,	0	0	—	147	1	5					1			—	259
Middlesex,	0	0	44	—		9	8		1		1			—	721
Nantucket,	0	0	—	8		0								—	10
Norfolk,	0	0	—	73		3	8	1	1	1				—	226
Plymouth,	1	0	15	—	1	2	2							54	—
Suffolk,	1	0	161	—	1	3	3							—	437
Worcester,	0	2	—	90	1	7	11	1		1				—	501
Total, in 1870-1,	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	3	3	5	32	78	—	2293
" in 1869-70,	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9	14	42	66	—	700

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Acushnet, *Bristol; no church* in the *town*, but New Bedford 1st is in Acushnet *village*.
Adams, *Berkshire*, 3.
Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Alford, *Berkshire; no church*.
Amesbury, *Essex*, 6.
Amherst, *Hampshire*, 11.
Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Arlington, *Middlesex*, 18.
Ashburnham, *Worcester*, 23.
Ashby, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ashfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Ashland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assabet, now Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assonet, in Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Athol, *Worcester*, 23.
Attleborough, *Bristol*, 20.
Auburn, *Worcester*, 22.
Auburndale, in Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Ayer, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ballardvale, in Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Barre, *Worcester*, 5.
Becket, *Berkshire*, 3, 4.
Bedford, *Middlesex*, 21.
Beech Woods, in Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Belchertown, *Hampshire*, 11.
Belleville, in Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
Bellingham, *Norfolk; no church*.
Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Berkley, *Bristol*, 20.
Berlin, *Worcester*, 22.
Bernardston, *Franklin*, 8.
Beverly, *Essex*, 7.
Billerica, *Middlesex*, 21.
Blackstone, *Worcester*, 24.
Blandford, *Hampden*, 9.
Bolton, *Worcester; no church*.
Boston, *Suffolk*, 18, 19.
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Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
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Braintree, *Norfolk*, 15.
Brewster, *Barnstable; no church*.
Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15, 20.
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Brimfield, *Hampden*, 5.
Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Brookline, *Norfolk*, 19.
Buckland, *Franklin*, 8.
Burlington, *Middlesex*, 21.
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Cambridge, *Middlesex*, 18.
Campello, in No. Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
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Charlemont, *Franklin*, 8.
Charlestown, *Middlesex*, 18.
Charlton, *Worcester*, 5.
Chatham, *Barnstable*, 2.
Chelmsford, *Middlesex*, 1.
Chelsea, *Suffolk*, 18.
Cheshire, *Berkshire; no church*.
Chester, *Hampden*, 9.
Chesterfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Chicopee, *Hampden*, 9.
Chilmark, *Dukes*.

Chiltonville, in Plymouth, *Plymouth* 17.
Clarksburg, *Berkshire; no church.*
Clinton, *Worcester*, 22.
Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Coleraine, *Franklin*, 8.
Concord, *Middlesex*, 13.
Conway, *Franklin*, 8.
Cotuit, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Cummington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Curtisville, in Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Dalton, *Berkshire*, 3.
Dana, *Worcester*, 5.
Danvers, *Essex*, 7.
Dartmouth, *Bristol*, 16.
Dedham, *Norfolk*, 19.
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Dorchester, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
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East Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Eastham, *Barnstable; no church.*
Easthampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
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Feeding Hills, in Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
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Florida, *Berkshire; no church.*
Foxborough, *Norfolk*, 12.
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Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Gardner, *Worcester*, 23.
Gay Head, *Dukes; no church.*
Georgetown, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Gilbertville, in Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Gill, *Franklin*, 8.
Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Goshen, *Hampshire*, 10.
Gosnold, *Dukes; no church.*
Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
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Hanover, *Plymouth*, 17.
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Hatfield, *Hampshire*, 11.
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Hawley, *Franklin*, 8.
Haydenville, in Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
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Hingham, *Plymouth*, 15.
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Holland, *Hampden*, 5.
Holliston, *Middlesex*, 13.
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Hudson, *Middlesex; no church.*
Hull, *Plymouth; no church.*
Huntington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Hyannis, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
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Indian Orchard, in Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Ipswich, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Jamaica Plain, in West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
Kingston, *Plymouth*, 17.
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Lancaster, *Worcester*, 14.
Lanesborough, *Berkshire*, 3.
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Lawrence, *Essex*, 1.
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Lenox, *Berkshire*, 4.
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Lexington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Leyden, *Franklin; no church.*
Lincoln, *Middlesex*, 13.
Linebrook, in Ipswich, *Essex*, 6.
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Lowell, *Middlesex*, 1.
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Lunenburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Lynn, *Essex*, 7.
Lynnfield, *Essex*, 7.
Malden, *Middlesex*, 21.
Manchester, *Essex*, 7.
Mansfield, *Bristol*, 12.
Marblehead, *Essex*, 7.
Marion, *Plymouth*, 16.
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Mashpee, *Barnstable*; *no church*.
Mattapoisett, *Plymouth*, 16.
Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Medfield, *Norfolk*, 12.
Medford, *Middlesex*, 21.
Medway, *Norfolk*, 12.
Melrose, *Middlesex*, 21.
Mendon, *Worcester*; *no church*.
Methuen, *Essex*, 1.
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Middlefield, *Hampshire*, 3.
Middleton, *Essex*, 7.
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Nahant, *Essex*; *no church*.
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Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Needham, *Norfolk*, 13, 19.
Neponset, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
New Ashford, *Berkshire*; *no church*.
New Bedford, *Bristol*, 16.
New Braintree, *Worcester*, 5.
Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Salem, *Franklin*, 23.
Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
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Norfolk, *Norfolk*, 12.
Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
North Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Northborough, *Worcester*, 22.
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Pembroke, *Plymouth*; *no church*.
Pepperell, *Middlesex*, 14.
Peru, *Berkshire*, 3.
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Plainfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
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Prescott, *Hampshire*, 11.
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Quincy, *Norfolk*, 15.
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Richmond, *Berkshire*, 3.
Rochester, *Plymouth*, 16.
Rockport, *Essex*, 7.
Rocky Hill, in Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Rowe, *Franklin*; *no church*.
Rowley, *Essex*, 6.
Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Royalston, *Worcester*, 23.
Russell, *Hampden*; *no church*.
Rutland, *Worcester*, 22.
Salem, *Essex*, 7.
Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Saugus, *Essex*, 7.
Saundersville, in Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
Savoy, *Berkshire*; *no church*.
Saxonville, in Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Scituate, *Plymouth*, 17.
Scotland, in Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 20.
Seekonk, *Bristol*, 20.
Sharon, *Norfolk*, 15.
Sheffield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Shelburne, *Franklin*, 8.
Sherborn, *Middlesex*, 13.

Shirley, *Middlesex*, 14.
Shrewsbury, *Worcester*, 22.
Shutesbury, *Franklin*, 8.
Somerset, *Bristol*, 20.
Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Southampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Southfield, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
South Hadley, *Hampshire*, 9, 11.
South Scituate, *Plymouth; no church.*
Southville, in Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southwick, *Hampden*, 9.
Spencer, *Worcester*, 5.
Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Sterling, *Worcester*, 22.
Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Stoneham, *Middlesex*, 21.
Stoughton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Stow, *Middlesex; no church.* The church is in that part set off, in 1871, as Maynard.
Sturbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Sudbury, *Middlesex*, 13.
Sunderland, *Franklin*, 8.
Sutton, *Worcester*, 24.
Swampscott, *Essex*, 7.
Swanzey, *Bristol; no church.*
Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Templeton, *Worcester*, 23.
Tewksbury, *Middlesex*, 1.
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Tolland, *Hampden*, 9.
Topsfield, *Essex*, 7.
Townsend, *Middlesex*, 14.
Truro, *Barnstable*, 2.
Tyngsborough, *Middlesex.*
Tyringham, *Berkshire; no church.*
Upton, *Worcester*, 24.
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Wakefield, *Middlesex*, 21.
Wales, *Hampden; no church.*
Walpole, *Norfolk*, 12.
Waltham, *Middlesex*, 18.
Waquoit, in Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Ware, *Hampshire*, 5.
Wareham, *Plymouth*, 16.
Warren, *Worcester*, 5.
Warwick, *Franklin*, 8.
Washington, *Berkshire*, 3.
Watertown, *Middlesex*, 19.
Waverley, in Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Wayland, *Middlesex* 13.
Webster, *Worcester*, 24.
Wellesley, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 13.
Wellfleet, *Barnstable*, 2.
Wendell, *Franklin*, 8.
Wenham, *Essex*, 7.
Westborough, *Worcester*, 24.
West Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
West Bridgewater, *Plymouth; no church.*
West Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Westfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Westford, *Middlesex*, 14.
Westhampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Westminster, *Worcester*, 23.
West Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Weston, *Middlesex; no church.*
Westport, *Bristol*, 16.
West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
West Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
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Whittenton, in Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Wilbraham, *Hampden*, 9.
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Williamstown, *Berkshire*, 3.
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Winchendon, *Worcester*, 23.
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Winter Hill, in Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Winthrop, *Suffolk; no church.*
Woburn, *Middlesex*, 21.
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Worthington, *Hampshire*, 10.
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NAMES OF MINISTERS,

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE PAGE IN WHICH EACH NAME OCCURS IN THE STATISTICS OF ASSOCIATIONS OR CHURCHES.

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NOTICES FOR 1873.

Meeting of 1873, — at Natick, on the third Tuesday of June, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Provisional Committee for 1873, — Rev. F. N. Peloubet, of Natick, Rev. E. Dowse, Rev. L. R. Eastman, Dea. John Adams, and Dea. Leander Coolidge.

Associational Preacher for 1873, — to be designated by Essex North Association.

Collection of Statistics. — The Secretary sends, early in December, a sufficient number of "blanks" to the Statistical Scribes of the several Associations. Each Scribe sends, in December, a "blank" to each Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Clerk, of the churches within his territorial limits; and the Pastors, etc., return the blank, properly filled, to the Statistical Scribe on or before January 10. Each Statistical Scribe sends all his reports to the Secretary February 1; if any are then delinquent, securing returns and forwarding as fast as obtained.

Taxes. — A sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member, to be collected by the Treasurers of the Local Conferences of Churches, and paid to George E. Clarke, Jamaica Plain, Mass. The number of such resident members in each church will be found in the Statistics of the churches, printed in this pamphlet. These taxes are now due.

Corresponding Bodies. — The former system of delegations to the several General Associations and Conferences has been discontinued.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, New Bedford, Secretary, ... 1856–
Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Registrar, ... 1868–.
George E. Clarke, Jamaica Plain, Treasurer, ... 1872–

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, 40 Winter Street, Boston, is Secretary of the Committee on Home Evangelization, a list of whose members will be found by referring to the Index, last page of this pamphlet.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met in the meeting-house of the First church in Pittsfield, June 18, 1872, at 4 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by Rev. John Todd, pastor of the church.

The credentials of members were presented, and the list read by the Registrar.

Rev. Joshua T. Tucker, of Chicopee Falls, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, of Leicester, Assistant Registrar.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. John L. R. Trask, Rev. Henry Cummings, and Bro. Edward Smith, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Delegates from the Ministerial Associations:

Andover, — *None.*
Berkshire North, — Rev. Charles V. Spear, Rev. Charles M. Pierce.
Berkshire South, — Rev. Evarts Scudder, Rev. Elias C. Hooker.
Brookfield, — Rev. Gabriel H. De Bevoise.
Cape Cod, — Rev. William C. Reed.
Essex North, — Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Rev. Lewis Gregory.
Essex South, — Rev. James Brand.
Franklin, — Rev. Edward Norton, Rev. Elijah Cutter.
Hampden East, — Rev. Charles B. Sumner, Rev. Joshua T. Tucker.
Hampden West, — Rev. John L. R. Trask, Rev. Edward A. Smith.
Hampshire, — Rev. Joseph F. Gaylord, Rev. Edward Clark.
Hampshire East, — Rev. Warren H. Breman, Rev. Edward P. Blodgett.
Mendon, — *None.*
Middlesex South, — *None.*
Middlesex Union, — Rev. George H. Morss, Rev. James M. Bacon.
Norfolk, — Rev. L. Wheaton Allen, Rev. Albert K. Teele.
Old Colony, — Rev. Edwin Leonard, Rev. Nelson Clark.
Plymouth, — Rev. James C. Seagrave, Rev. A. Parke Burgess.
Salem, — *None.*

Suffolk North, — Rev. T. P. Sawin, Rev. Stedman W. Hanks.
Suffolk South, — *None.*
Suffolk West, — Rev. James M. Bell.
Taunton, — Rev. Francis N. Peloubet.
Woburn, — Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Rev. Albert G. Bale.
Worcester Central, — Rev. Henry Cummings, Rev. De Witt S. Clark.
Worcester North, — Rev. Temple Cutler.
Worcester South, — Rev. George A. Putnam.

Delegates from the Local Conferences of Churches:

Andover, — John Smith.
Barnstable, — Jeremiah Stone.
Berkshire North, — J. H. Dunham, J. Norcott.
Berkshire South, — S. M. Wright, Alfred Peck, Henry Sedgwick.
Brookfield, — D. W. Carpenter, J. E. Porter, C. E. Kimball.
Essex North, — *None.*
Essex South, — *None.*
Franklin, — Arthur Wells.
Hampden, — *None.*
Hampshire, — C. M. Parsons, H. G. Knight.
Hampshire East, — Edward Smith, R. B. Bridgman.
Mendon, — *None.*
Middlesex South, — *None.*
Middlesex Union, — *None.*
Norfolk, — *None.*
Old Colony, — T. R. Dennison.
Pilgrim, — E. Hathaway.
Suffolk North, — James Adams.
Suffolk South, — H. W. Wilson, R. H. Stearns.
Taunton, — *None.*
Woburn, — Joseph Byers, M. B. Webber, C. C. Goss.
Worcester Central, — G. F. Daniels.
Worcester North, — A. H. Merriam.
Worcester South, — Joseph Marsh, A. F. Whitin.

Massachusetts Home Missionary Society:

Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Dea. William Hyde.

Ex-Officio:

Rev. John Todd, *Pastor of the Church.*
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, *Secretary.*
Rev. James P. Kimball, *Registrar.*

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Benjamin Parsons, Delegate from Michigan Congregational Union.

By Previous Appointments:

Rev. Zachary Eddy, *Preacher on Wednesday evening.*
Rev. John W. Dodge, *Preacher of the Associational Sermon.*

Also:

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, *Secretary of Home Evangelization.*
Rev. Henry B. Hooker, *Secretary Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.*
Rev. A. H. Clapp, *Secretary American Home Missionary Society.*
Rev. William Barrows, *Secretary Congregational Publishing Society.*
Rev. Christopher Cushing, *Secretary Congregational Union.*
Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, *Secretary College Society.*
Rev. J. M. Sturtevant.
Rev. George R. Leavitt.
Rev. Samuel G. Buckingham.
Rev. Aldin Grout.
Rev. John W. Harding.

COMMITTEES.

Rev. Evarts Scudder, Rev. Joseph F. Gaylord, and Bro. J. E. Porter, were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Rev. John Todd, Rev. James Brand, and Dea. John Smith, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements.

Bro. Alfred Peck and Bro. Charles E. Kimball were chosen Auditing Committee, after which the Association took a recess until evening.

Tuesday Evening, 7½ o'clock. The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with singing. The following question was then presented for consideration: What is the duty of our churches at the present time in regard to the sacredness of the Sabbath? The discussion was opened by Rev. John Todd, whose remarks were introduced with a few words of welcome to the Association, and was continued by Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Rev. Zachary Eddy, Rev. Gabriel H. De Bevoise, Rev. Henry B. Hooker, Rev. James M. Bell, Rev. William Barrows, and Rev. Charles B. Sumner.

After singing, the meeting closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, June 19. The Association assembled at 8½ o'clock A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John L. R. Trask.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the chair, and the minutes were read and approved.

THE SABBATH.

In response to a memorial from the Brookfield Association, Rev. John Todd, of the Committee of Arrangements, presented resolutions, which, after subsequent discussion and amendment, were adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That this Association deeply deplores the almost universal tendency of the day to desecrate the holy Sabbath, — to take it out of divine appointment and make it a day of pleasure, or to drive over it for worldly gain, — a mere human convenience.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend ministers and Christians individually, and in their families, to be very circumspect as to their example; that they urge in the pulpit and in the Sabbath-schools the teachings and authority of God as to its sacredness and its blessings to the world.

Resolved, That we view with pain and alarm the fact that our railroads, so convenient and so powerful in developing the resources of the country, are violating the Lord's day by depriving so many of their employees of their Sabbath, disturbing the repose and the worship of the Christian community, and thus instructing our children that property and gain are to be ranked higher than God's laws.

Rev. James P. Kimball, Acting Treasurer, presented his report, which was examined by the Auditing Committee and found to be correct. They recommended that the report be printed, and that a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member be collected by the Treasurer of the Local Conferences of Churches for the expenses of the ensuing year.

Bro. George E. Clark, of Jamaica Plain, was elected Treasurer of the Association.

Rev. J. W. Harding and Bro. O. W. Willcox were recommended as candidates for election as members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

A memorial from the Hampden East and West Associations, recommending the union of the secretaryship of Home Evangelization with that of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, was received and referred to a special committee consisting of the following persons: Rev. J. T. Tucker, Rev. E. P. Blodgett, and Bro. S. W. Wright.

A memorial from the Old Colony Conference in relation to the employment of evangelists by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, was received and referred to the following committee: Rev. G. H. De Bevoise, Rev. W. C. Reed, and Bro. James Adams.

The following question was then discussed: Do the circumstances of our day and country create any new responsibility in our church in regard to Home Missions?

Rev. William Barrows, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, and Rev. J. W. Sturtevant, President of Illinois College, participated in the discussion.

The following question was also discussed: Are new efforts demanded on the part of our churches in behalf of the communities where they are located?

The discussion was opened by Rev. G. R. Leavitt, who was followed by Rev. John Todd, Rev. D. P. Noyes, and Bro. A. Peck.

Rev. G. R. Leavitt presented resolutions, which were referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

The roll of members was then read, and the Association took a recess.

Wednesday P. M. The Association reassembled. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. O. W. Willcox.

An hour was occupied by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, its president, in the chair.

At 3½ o'clock the Association resumed its session.

The Secretary presented an abstract of his annual report.

The Secretary of Home Evangelization read an abstract of his report.

The Association then took a recess, giving place for a short time to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

The business of the Association was then resumed.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The committee on the memorial of the Hampden East and West Associations made a report, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Chas. R. Bliss, Rev. J. M. Bell, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Dea. John Smith, and Bro. T. R. Dennison.

The report of the Secretary of Home Evangelization was re-

ferred to the same committee, and the resolutions of Rev. G. R. Leavitt were recalled, and received a similar reference.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Rev. A. H. Quint, in behalf of the committee on harmonizing the rules, presented a report, which, after being laid over the usual time, was adopted, and the rules were modified as follows:

To substitute for article X, the following:

X. Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States.

To omit Article XII, and the fifth section of Article XIII.

In Article XIV, omit the words "the reception of delegates from corresponding bodies."

In the second section of Article XV, the first sentence to read: "The Associational Sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Thursday P. M., but may be changed to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee." Omit all regarding corresponding bodies. Transfer to the end of this section the second and third lines of the third section of the same Article.

The Association then took a recess until evening.

Wednesday, 7½ *P. M.* A sermon was preached by Rev. Zachary Eddy, of Chelsea, from Rev. iii, 2: "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain." The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. H. Clapp and Rev. John Todd.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, *June* 20. The Association assembled at 8½ o'clock A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional services, led by Rev. Edward A. Smith.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the chair. The roll was called and the minutes were read.

Bro. Geo. H. Sheldon, Secretary of the Systematical Beneficence Society, addressed the Association.

TEMPERANCE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, I, That this Association express gratitude to God that so large a number of the towns in this Commonwealth have decided that beer and other lighter intoxicants shall not be sold within their borders.

Resolved, II, That we thank God for the firm position taken by His Excellency Governor Washburn in behalf of prohibition, and we trust that his efforts will be crowned with such success that he shall be a terror to evil-doers in high places as well as in low.

Resolved, III, That we bless God that there is an increasing interest on this subject in many of our towns, and especially among our foreign population, and hope this work will go forward with increasing interest and power.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. C. R. Bliss, in behalf of the special committee on the general subject of Home Evangelization, presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts expresses its hearty approval of the efforts of officials in charge of the correctional and reformatory institutions of the Commonwealth, to promote the religious and secular instruction of their inmates, and the hope that those efforts may be amplified and extended.

Resolved, That the State Committee of Home Evangelization is hereby instructed to secure, if practicable, the formation of committees or other organizations in the neighborhood of all the prisons of the Commonwealth, to promote the reformation of prisoners, and especially to aid and encourage them at the time of their discharge.

Resolved, That the churches and conferences be invited to consider the question of introducing devoted Christian women to a fuller participation in direct efforts to promote the cause of Christ.

In view of the necessities for Christian work outside of the immediate centres which are more particularly occupied by our churches,

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association, this work may generally best be performed by different members of the local churches, yet where this is impossible a suitable layman, to be paid therefor, should be employed a part or all of the time, as the necessities may require.

Resolved, This Association, thankful for the success which has already rewarded their efforts in the work of Home Evangelization, under the indefatigable labors of their Secretary, yet recognizing the magnitude of the work still resting upon their hands, deem the present no time for lessening their efforts in its behalf, but on the contrary, feel called upon to enter upon a more active prosecution of the design which has already enlisted so much labor and prayer.

Resolved, They see increased reasons for urging upon the churches a

more exact and thorough mapping out of the Christian work before them in marking the boundaries of their parishes, in making out full lists of the families and individuals for which they are responsible, and in adopting all feasible measures for strengthening Christian ties and promoting the peculiar work of the churches.

Resolved, Inasmuch as questions have arisen with regard to the continued prosecution of the work of Home Evangelization in its present form, and inasmuch as the work itself is closely connected with the work of the Home Missionary Society, this Association deems it advisable that a consultation be held between the officers of that Society and the Home Evangelization Committee of this body, with a view of determining the following points, viz.:

1. Whether that Society cannot, consistently with its own mission and aim, take upon itself the peculiar work which this Association by its committee has sought to perform.

2. Whether that Society, by the employment of suitable agencies, cannot enter more fully into the work of repairing the wastes in our own Zion, building up new enterprises, and by a more liberal expenditure preserving and increasing the religious interests of our churches.

3. Whether it would not be wise in that Society to enter into arrangements with churches and conferences by which lay preachers and Christian women, selected by the former to perform needed Christian work, might be appointed and paid by the latter.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Association that Bro. Noyes, the present Secretary of Home Evangelization, should not be permitted to retire from his office before Jan. 1, 1873.

Rev. J. T. Tucker, Rev. Nelson Clark, Bro. James Adams, Rev. A. H. Coolidge, and Bro. C. M. Parsons, were appointed a committee to act with the Home Evangelization Committee and the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in considering the whole matter presented in the report.

The report of the committee on the memorial of the Old Colony Conference was referred to the same committee.

The following vote was adopted:

In view of the sad fact that there are in our denomination several hundred more churches than ministers who can become pastors; and in view of the fact that we make a net gain of only thirty or forty a year on our ministerial list, while our vast interior and extended frontier are making annual demands for hundreds,

Voted, That we commend to each of our churches the judicious and prayerful inquiry, whether it cannot and ought not to be turning the attention of one or more of its members toward the Christian ministry, and that destitute churches be advised to avail themselves at once of the services of valuable ministers now unemployed.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. A. H. Quint presented a brief report of the attendance of delegates to the National Council, and proposed the following, which was unanimously adopted:

The General Association records its gratitude that the Congregational churches of the United States have been led to associate themselves so happily in National Council. And particularly:

That the organization was accomplished in entire harmony and Christian love;

That the Council carefully recognized the integrity of the churches, and the right of government as being exclusively in the local church; and equally disclaimed all control over the several benevolent organizations;

That the Council recognized "the great doctrines of the Christian faith," the teaching of God in his word and by his Spirit, to be a safe and yet unsectarian basis of such a union; and

That the Council has proved to be alike the evidence of the spirit of fellowship in our churches, and of the awakening of new zeal to meet the responsibilities pressing upon them; and that its recommendations of the several agencies of the churches were so wise and judicious.

SESSION OF 1873.

Voted, That the session of 1873 be held with the First Congregational church in Natick; and the following were chosen a Provisional Committee: Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Rev. L. R. Eastman, Dea. Leander Coolidge, Rev. E. Dowse, Dea. John Adams.

The Association designated Essex North to appoint a preacher before the Lord's Supper.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. J. P. Kimball, it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Association be tendered to the First church in Pittsfield and its beloved pastor, and also to the South church and its pastor, for receiving us so cordially to their homes and extending to us such ample Christian hospitality. Our thanks are also tendered to the choir of the First church for their very acceptable assistance in the service of song, and to the several railroads which have given return tickets to persons attending the meeting. These railroads are, the Boston & Albany, Housatonic, New Haven & Northampton, Connecticut River, Vermont Central, Providence & Worcester, Worcester & Nashua, Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg, Boston & Lowell, and Old Colony.

On motion of Dr. Todd, the thanks of the Association were given to the Moderator, for his courteous manner in presiding.

Voted, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet for the sermon and sacrament, at the close of which the Association stand adjourned *sine die*.

The minutes were read and accepted, after which the Association took a recess until two o'clock.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock P. M.* A sermon was preached by Rev. John W. Dodge, of Yarmouth, from Matt. xviii, 20. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Jas. P. Kimball.

After the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. J. T. Tucker and Rev. A. H. Quint officiating.

The Association then stood adjourned *sine die*.

J. T. TUCKER, *Moderator.*

JAS. P. KIMBALL, *Registrar.*

A. H. COOLIDGE, *Assistant Registrar.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS, *in account with* JAMES P. KIMBALL, *Acting Treasurer.*

DR.

1871.		
Oct. 17.	To cash paid S. T. Farwell, late Treasurer, balance due,	$61.85
	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising,	5.40
20.	To cash expenses of Registrar since 1869,	5.45
	To cash paid postage stamps,	1.24
1872.	To cash paid expressage,	.25
Feb. 16.	To cash paid E. Anthony & Sons, printing 2500 copies of the "Minutes," 2000 circulars, postage stamps, express, &c.,	820.47
May 28.	To cash paid postage, stationery, expenses in securing reduced railroad fare, &c.,	7.43
June 8.	To cash paid Dr. Quint, balance due for expenses as Secretary since 1868,	20.66
18.	To cash paid railroad fare in preparing for and attending meeting of Association,	5.64
	To cash paid for printing programmes,	7.00
	To cash paid Secretary for travel to and from Pittsfield,	8.15
		$943.54
	Balance in treasury,	288.29
		$1,231.83

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By cash received from the several conferences as follows, viz.:

1871, June 20, Berkshire South, (for 1870–1,) $17.75; June 20, Hampden, (for 1870–1,) $14.23; June 20, Suffolk North, (bal. for 1870–1,) $11.62; Sept. 6, Worcester North, (for 1870–1,) $28.05; Oct. 9, Hampshire East, $49.98; Oct. 14, Essex North, $65.30; Nov. 2, Brookfield Associational, $53.32; Nov. 9, Berkshire North, $40.00; Dec. 4, Woburn, $48.02; Dec. 6, Suffolk South, $102.02; Dec. 15, Suffolk North, $103.07; Dec. 15, Middlesex South, $44.30; Dec. 16, Hampshire, $55.67; Dec. 20, Old Colony, $36.00; Dec. 22, Franklin, $25.00. 1872, Jan. 6, Barnstable, $20.50; Jan. 19, Middlesex Union, $48.68; Jan. 20, Berkshire South, $36.00; Jan. 10, Worcester North, $30.96; Feb. 22, Worcester Central, $33.18; March 27, Essex South, $89.70; April 18, Andover, $32.30; May 8, Taunton and vicinity, $38.00; May 8, Mendon, $21.75; May 9, Worcester South, $32.67; June 18, Hampden, $11.76; June 19, Pilgrim, $22.00; June 19, Norfolk, $70.00.

Total, $1,231.83.

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME.—This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT.—Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality; and to cooperate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS.—This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865; the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.—Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS.—Each District Association of ministers consenting to the principles above stated, may appoint, annually, two delegates; and each District Conference of churches, also so consenting, may appoint, annually, three delegates, who shall be laymen; which delegates, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS.—1. A Secretary, a Registrar, and a Treasurer, shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible.

2. A Moderator, and an Assistant Registrar, shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each session, to serve during that session.

3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of the ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof, distribute the publications of the Association, and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The Registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association; to whom the Assistant

Registrar shall render his aid. He shall seasonably notify the time and place of each annual session.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and be the Committee of Publication unless another be chosen. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. QUORUM.—Twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, at four o'clock P. M., (or at some other more convenient hour,) at such place as shall have been duly designated.

IX. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates, to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that Society.

X. CORRESPONDENCE.—Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States.

XI. ORGANIZATION.—The pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The certificates of the delegates present shall be presented,—only the names of members being read by the Registrar. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator and an Assistant Registrar, and the Moderator shall open the session with prayer. A Committee on Credentials shall then be appointed, to whom all certificates shall be referred.

XII. COMMITTEES.—1. The Committees for the session are these:

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, who shall be appointed by the Moderator immediately after the opening of the session.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following, and any other committees referred to them.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the pastor, or some member of the church shall be one, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Committee to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the churches of the several Conferences connected with this body.

2. To act after the adjournment:

(1.) A Provisional Committee of five, to arrange the schedule for the next annual meeting; to select a preacher for a sermon on Wednesday, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(2.) A Committee on Home Evangelization, who shall make an annual report to this body, upon the Work of the Churches and State of Religion, unless otherwise ordered at any session.

XIII. EXERCISES.—The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of Home Evangelization, addresses and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIV. SPECIAL ORDERS.—1. At the opening of the session, on the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; shall direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer; and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

2. The associational sermon and Lord's supper shall be assigned to Thursday P. M., but may be changed to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association shall be devoted to the cause of Home Missions and Home Evangelization.

3. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer.

XV. PLACE OF MEETING.—Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and designate the Association (in alphabetical order,) to appoint a preacher for the sermon before the Lord's supper. And the church of the place of meeting selected, is requested to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's supper in the course of the service. The Lord's supper shall be administered, generally, without remarks.

XVI. RULES OF ORDER.—1. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be opened to discussion until it be seconded.

2. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, laying on the table, amendment, postponement, commit-

ment, or the previous question. The previous question is this: Shall the main question be now put? And the effect of adopting it shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon the amendments, if any are pending, and then upon the main question proper.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

XVII. AMENDMENTS.—1. Any of the above Rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposal at the annual meeting next prior to that of action; and after notice has been sent to the several Associations and Conferences; and by a two-thirds vote.

REPORT

OF THE

Work of the Churches and State of Religion:

BEING

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE STATE COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, AT PITTSFIELD, JUNE 19th, 1872.

The importance of the Home Evangelization movement within our churches has grown more impressive with every year. The difficulties which it must necessarily encounter have never shown themselves in a more striking manner, nor have the encouragements been more decisive, than during the year which now ends. Probably the resolve of those most deeply interested, to push it forward with all their might, was never so strong as it is this day.

Although the goal which the churches seek can hardly be said to be in sight, as yet, except to eyes of faith, nevertheless much has been gained. We have reached a point where important modifications of our methods demand consideration. The movement is organized in all the Conferences but two, — perhaps we should say, in all but one. An increasing number of the ministry, especially of the younger pastors, are actively at work, upon principles and methods that it has suggested. From nearly all the Conferences we hear of a more careful attention to out-districts; of the holding of Fellowship Meetings, and of other efforts to promote acquaintances and brotherly love; Praise Meetings have become very numerous; the Enlistment Card has found its way into more churches within the past twelve months, than ever before; Open-air Meetings promise to become an institution (for the summer months) in some of our most populous towns; a larger number of churches, it is believed, than in any other one

year, have begun vigorously to organize for labor; and the pastors of Boston have set the example of a unanimous agreement in a mapping out of their work, having divided the whole city among themselves, into districts, for constant inspection and regular effort. The minds of brethren who have long taken an interest in the movement, would seem to have reached a well nigh perfect accord upon its leading principles and methods.

Under these circumstances, it is certainly proper to consider the question, whether any changes can be made, with advantage, in the mode of conducting it. Can the expense of the movement, now that it is so far advanced, be wisely diminished? Can the present appropriation be more effectively made, in some other way? Would it be well to substitute the labors of County Assistants for those of the Secretary? Can any different adjustment and division of labor between the two Secretaries now maintained by the Home Missionary Society, be made to advantage?

Similar inquiries have often been entertained by this Committee, but hitherto have been answered in the negative. Now, however, in order to open the way freely to any policy which may recommend itself to the wisdom of the Association, the Secretary of Home Evangelization has taken upon himself the responsibility of requesting the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society to omit his reappointment for another year, and to consider the expediency of the employment of one or more County Assistants.

It is no secret, that in the opinion of many, our general system for the care of feeble churches, the supply of destitutions, and the effective reaching of out-districts and neglecters, needs some revision. As no one part of this question can be intelligently acted upon separately from the others, and as the whole matter is probably to come before the Association, it is not necessary to consider it further here.

Interesting details in the work of the churches for the year may be found among the statements from Local Conferences, which form the body of this Report. Some of the *methods* newly adopted by different churches are given in the APPENDIX.

SUGGESTIONS.

The attention of the General Association is invited to the *following measures*, some of which, at least, in the judgment of this Committee, can be successfully carried out during the year on which we now enter.

1. The prisoners in the State Prison and in the Houses of Correction belonging to the several counties, have special claims upon the sympathy of all who confess themselves sinners and followers of Him who came to seek and save the lost. It is expected of the disciples of Jesus Christ, that they will visit those who are sick or in prison, remembering "them that are in bonds as bound with them." This duty the members of our churches have not forgotten, as their labors in Prison Sunday-schools have long testified. And yet the moral and religious condition of these prisons is by no means satisfactory; and is inferior to that of similar institutions in

some of the countries of Europe and in parts of our own. In very few of them is any provision made for that secular instruction of prisoners which is so helpful to a moral improvement; and in none are the religious influences such as the case demands. We commend this subject to the attention of the Association, for such action as at present may seem expedient.

2. Another important duty has been too long neglected. It seems very strange that, at this late day, no adequate arrangements have been made for helping prisoners at the close of their confinement, when they are so peculiarly open to good influences, and so much in need of friendly offices. We suggest, therefore, the propriety of some action by this Association, providing for the formation of committees, or other organizations, in the neighborhood of the Houses of Correction in this Commonwealth, for aiding prisoners upon their discharge to obtain employment, and for encouraging them in purposes of reformation.

3. The opinion has been expressed by pastors of churches, that certain of their out-districts cannot be reached effectively except by the labors of godly *laymen*, devoting the whole, or the greater part of their time to the work, as *Lay-helpers*, under the direction of the churches within whose proper oversight the districts fall. It seems not unlikely that this class of laborers may be profitably employed to some extent also in populous towns.

4. We are deeply impressed, also, with the fact that "of honorable women, not a few" would gladly devote themselves wholly to various forms of Christian labor, who yet find no way open. Some have already turned to other denominations. Clearly, this ought not so to be. We hope that such public and orderly provision will be made, that godly women having a call from heaven to consecrate their whole time to religious labor, shall find an open door, a warm welcome, and an adequate support.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 23; pastors, 19; stated preachers, 4; churches vacant, none; churches aided, 1.

This Conference has printed an "Abstract of the Report of the Committee on Home Evangelization," for circulation in its congregations; a custom which may well be adopted by other Conferences. From this we make the following brief selections.

Membership. The returns show a loss of 5.

Sabbath Schools. Twenty-two Sabbath-schools of the churches of the Conference have a membership of 4535, with an average attendance of 4099, or 68 percent. Nearly all the schools are reported as being in a prosperous condition, with an attendance above the average. The *John Street church, Lowell*, employ a lady missionary, to whom they pay $300 per annum, who gives her whole time to the work, and whose labors are blessed. The practice is extending of holding the Concert in the afternoon.

Sabbath Services. Five churches report a gain in the attendance upon the Sabbath services. The *High Street church, Lowell*, tried the experiment for a short time the last summer of giving up the afternoon service; but such was the opposition to the plan that it is not likely to be repeated.

Praise Meetings. Many of our churches have taken a "new departure" the past year in "the service of song in the House of the Lord" — in Praise Meetings, from which we receive a uniform report of their usefulness. Only one church reports holding the Praise Meeting regularly, the *South church, Lawrence*, which has one monthly.

Out-Districts and Mission Work. Two churches report having Branch Sabbath-schools, — the *High Street church, Lowell*, and the *Lawrence Street church, Lawrence*. The latter church has also sustained two District prayer-meetings through the winter. Prayer-meetings in out-districts have been held by the churches at *North Chelmsford, North Andover, Tyngsborough*, and *West Dracut*. The meeting in Dracut is sustained by brethren over seventy years of age, who have all been greatly refreshed thereby. The church has sustained a second one since the Week of Prayer. The *West church, Andover*, has sustained two meetings weekly; as also the *Methuen church*, at one of whose meetings there is a regular preaching service by one of the deacons of the church; which service, from its useful character, is urged by the pastor as an argument in favor of lay-preaching. The *Free church, Lawrence*, have held through the winter what they very beautifully call "cottage services."

Temperance. With a few exceptions, the cause of Temperance does not seem to have made any progress the past year. In *North Andover* the law is reported to be a dead letter, while there is much intemperance among the foreign population. The same is true of *Lawrence*, where the execution of the law is impeded by the "beer clause," and by the fear of losing votes, which paralyzes the hands of the party in power. Practically in that city it is "Free Rum," and the increase of intemperance is truly alarming. The picture is quite as dark in *Lowell;* or rather has been. Just now it begins to look as if the morning light were breaking. We have a Temperance Mayor, who is making an honest effort to enforce the law. The result is that a restraint today rests upon liquor-selling in that city, which is constantly growing more severe and burdensome; and to escape this, some have already given up the business. The *Free church, Andover*, reports holding a regular monthly Temperance meeting. The *Free church, Lawrence*, reports that a Band of Hope, formed among them, has been instrumental in doing much good, giving prominence to signing the pledge.

Contributions. It is a matter of regret that these returns are not more complete; and it seems a pity, that when most of the churches have taken pains to make full reports, the returns received should be rendered nearly valueless from the lack of returns from the remaining few. The parish expenses of twenty churches amounted to $73,780.25. This includes the regular parish expenditures, and the moneys raised for the payment of church debts. The charities of twenty-one churches, including contribu-

tions publicly given by the members of the congregation, amount to $66,-788.38. In addition, some of the churches have made home improvements, and many of them make mention of an increase of the spirit of liberality among their people.

Week of Prayer. Several of the churches report their observance of the week of prayer, and I believe in every instance with happy effect. The meetings seemed to have been spiritual and earnest, and from them have proceeded streams of influence that are still flowing on, imparting blessings as they flow. In some cases they have been followed by extra meetings, in consequence of the interest then awakened.

Social Meetings. Many of the reports mention the vigor which characterizes their prayer-meetings and social gatherings. Some of the churches hold social meetings every two and three weeks, believing that the closer the people become united in social bonds, the more favorable the condition for development of the church's activities. The *Free church, Andover*, have infused new life and power into their meeting by drawing somewhat upon that large reserved latent power in our churches, namely, its female members.

BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 22; pastors, 7; stated preachers, 12; churches vacant, 8; churches aided, 2.

Population. The population of this county is very homogeneous, and almost wholly American. The only exceptions are Sandwich and Provincetown; the former being the only manufacturing town, and the latter the largest seaport. Those who have derived their impressions of the inhabitants from tourists like Thoreau — who spent three weeks on the back side of Cape Cod, a few years ago, and wrote a volume of caricature of the people and their civilization — have necessarily fallen into many false conceptions as to the present condition of this section of the State. While still retaining some peculiarities of earlier days, as was to be expected from their comparative isolation from the rest of the State for many years, the present aspects of this field are not greatly different from those of other rural districts of the State. Most of the men in the lower towns are devoted to marine pursuits. In the upper towns, manufactures are beginning to be introduced to some extent. Few communities are able to retain their most enterprising young men at home, and the churches consequently feel the lack of many of their strongest men. There are several out-of-the-way hamlets, where few religious privileges are enjoyed; and the problem for Home Evangelization in this county is, to determine the best means of reaching and elevating such communities.

Churches. The proportion of strong churches is very small. Most support themselves with difficulty. The actual valuation of property in some towns is diminishing — as in Truro; and the church diminishes with the population and the falling off in business enterprise. There is no instance of steady growth among them all.

Pastorates. A large proportion of the churches hire their ministers from year to year. Salaries are small, and changes are frequent. One church that has been in existence thirty-eight years has had twenty-five ministers; and the tendency is in the same direction throughout the Conference.

Revivals. During the past year all the churches — with the exception of that at Monument — have enjoyed the labors of faithful men, and revivals are reported in *Provincetown* and *Harwich*. There were a few conversions also at *West Yarmouth*.

Truro. There is not a family in this parish that does not attend public worship, more or less constantly; and not a child in the families who is not a member of the Sabbath-school. The only unreachable population in the town is some twenty Portuguese families. They are Romanists, but not very bigoted.

Christian Women. The pastor, who has been here upwards of twenty years, expresses his unchanged conviction of the importance of allowing women to take part in prayer-meetings. Their aid is invaluable, as, with meekness and fear they give a reason of the hope that is in them, and approach the mercy-seat with singular importunity and humility. This feature of the meetings promotes church fellowship and Christian acquaintance.

Neighborhood Meetings have been held in *Centreville* through the winter on every possible evening, — sometimes crowded, sometimes very affecting. "They seem to draw the families closer to the church, and to revive religion in the hearts of the family with whom they happen to be held. A prayer-meeting has been established to pray especially for the church, consisting only of those who earnestly believe in the promise of God. It is a constant centre for the most devoted believers."

Provincetown is moving effectually towards building a new church. They have raised seven eighths of the amount required, and the result is assured. There has never been so much interest there as at the present time. The *revival* of the past winter has given them a new impulse, and awakened new courage in the despairing.

A *few points of general interest* are suggested by the inquiries instituted by the committee.

1. The history of several of the churches shows, that the gradual introduction of *lax doctrine in the pulpit* has been the occasion of the sad state of things witnessed in the present religious condition of the people. It is clear that high-toned preaching is a bulwark of real religion. History shows that the prevalence of errors and the multiplication of neglecters in several of these communities, are traceable to the failure of the ministers in past years to teach the whole truth.

2. The practice of hiring ministers by the year, is working serious injury to many churches. It is almost impossible to maintain any parts of the service except the preaching and the Sabbath-school, unless there is a

regular pastor. The line which includes the churches supplied with pastors, excludes all the feeble and thriftless churches, or nearly so.

3. The declension of business has had intimate connection with the decline in religious prosperity. The "sinews" have been wanting in some communities, for maintaining the struggle, and ground has thus been lost. This section of the State has suffered, especially during the last five or six years, from the depression of the shipping interests. The churches show it.

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE.

(No report.)

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, or pastors elect, 11; stated preachers, 4; churches vacant, 2; churches aided, 4.

The past year has been marked by no events of special interest in this part of the county. The strong churches are moving prosperously forward. Those of moderate ability are in better condition than in some previous years. The very weak churches have not gained. One town, *Alford*, is entirely without the regular ministrations of the gospel. In *West Stockbridge Centre* the case is a little better, since the former pastor, Rev. Lewis Pennell, still resides there, and gathers audiences of 30 or 40 in his own dwelling or in a school-house. The church building has been repaired, however, at an expense of $300, and the people are hoping soon to secure a minister.

Church Work. A highly encouraging degree of religious interest has been manifest at *Housatonic* and *Monterey*. At *Stockbridge*, also, several conversions have followed the regular and persistent labors in *out-districts*. In four of these districts regular weekly prayer-meetings are sustained, with preaching by the pastor once in four weeks. In one there is a thriving Sunday-school. A gratifying ingathering of the young is reported. From *Lee*, again, we receive a similar account, of the hopeful conversion of young people and children. The chapel at *East Lee* still gathers a goodly attendance. "Praise Meetings" and "Fellowship Meetings" have been held with good success. The church at *Housatonic* has also kept up meetings in out-districts, and has thus reached families not attendants elsewhere. The Missionary church at *Otis*, in addition to its principal Sunday-school, has sustained others at *West Otis*, *Cold Spring*, and the *Hunter District*, with a total attendance of 244. Efforts to establish another at East Otis were unsuccessful. From *Monterey* we receive an interesting account of a method of organization long in use there, and apparently well suited to an extended country parish. The system has been in operation since 1855, and has worked well. It is given in the Appendix. Several churches report "no afternoon service," its place being taken by the Sunday-school, with preaching in the evening. In some cases, also, afternoon meetings are held in out-districts.

Review. On the whole, the churches of this Conference may be said to be holding their own, with some gains. But it will take long to Christianize the masses of the people here, with a progress no more rapid than these reports show. Moreover, the hold which the feebler churches have upon their respective communities is weak and uncertain. We have no right to be satisfied with the present rate of advance. Some way must be devised for reenforcing the weaker portions of our line of battle, or it will suffer serious check, if not defeat. A whole town ought not to be left without the regular ministrations of the gospel; nor should any populations be neglected because they are indifferent and unwilling to pay for preaching. Such indifference is but another reason for taking special pains to send the gospel to them. The absence of a demand is an imperious necessity for a supply.

BROOKFIELD ASSOCIATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 21; pastors, 15; stated preachers, 2; churches vacant, 4; church aided, 1.

Revivals. Ten of the churches have enjoyed, and some of them in very remarkable manner, the special and reviving influences of God's spirit. The churches in *Barre*, *Brimfield*, *Charlton*, the two churches in *North Brookfield*, the churches in *Oakham* and *Spencer*, the two churches in *Ware*, and the church in *Warren*, are all able to report unusual interest and activity, and a large number of hopeful conversions among the impenitent. The drooping graces of Christians have been revived; hundreds among the impenitent have been born again.

Church Work. Renewed interest is felt in all church work, and the gospel is more faithfully, plainly, and pointedly preached. Christian activity has been in wonderful degree increased, and those who are without have been reached by having the gospel carried to them. District meetings and Sunday-schools have been established, supported, and blessed. A healthy state of feeling and a commendable degree of action pervades the churches with reference to the subject of Temperance. One new house of worship is in course of erection. A parsonage has been in one instance provided. Some of the churches have been repaired and beautified. There is a willingness to assume and discharge increasing liabilities in the maintenance of public worship, and many of the churches report larger contributions to the various objects of benevolence. On the whole, we review the year with grateful hearts. We thank God and take courage.

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 23; pastors, 16; stated preachers, 4; churches vacant, 3; churches aided, 2.

Revivals. The First church in *Ipswich* reports considerable interest in connection with the Week of Prayer. Meetings were held nearly every night for a month, were largely attended and full of life. Many Christians

were revived, at every meeting persons rose for prayer, and some 15 hopeful conversions occurred. At *West Haverhill*, also, a revival began with the Week of Prayer. As a result, there has been a net gain of 27 members, — mostly young persons, and all but two from the Sunday-school. "There is, in general, a delightful manifestation of kindly feeling, a deepening spirituality, and a growing disposition to do good. The benevolent contributions have increased." "Prayer-meetings among the older brethren, the young men, the ladies and the young ladies, have been numerous and full. No new agencies have been employed. The signs of good are multiplying."

Church Work. The First church in *Bradford* reports the work in its out-station as very promising. The Sabbath-school numbers 140, with an average of 100, and is well organized, with a good room, an organ and library. Neighborhood meetings are well attended, and are carried on by members of the church in rotation, the Standing committee making the appointments.—A more particular account of the methods adopted by this church may be found in the *Appendix*.—The *Centre church in Haverhill* has printed an "Annual Report" of eight pages, covering the past year, and treating of the following topics: Additions, Dismissions, Deaths, Election of Deacons, Church Manual, Expenses and Contributions, The Young People's Society, The Social Life of the Church and Congregation, Church Attendance, The Sunday-school, The Bible Class, The Weekly Meeting, and the General Condition of the Church. The names of church officers and committees are given, and also those added, removed, deceased, and such as were constituted Life Members of Benevolent Societies. This report presents an encouraging view of the condition of this church. The church in *West Amesbury*, also, is evidently managing its affairs with a watchful energy and skill. The church in *Rowley* shows unmistakable signs of strength renewed. Other churches in this Conference which have not taken pains to furnish narratives for the year are known to be in excellent condition.

ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 31; pastors, 24; stated preachers, 5; churches vacant, 3; churches aided, 3.

Church Work. The church in *Gloucester* reports an increasing congregation, well attended prayer-meetings, and a prosperous Sunday-school. A Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting are sustained in an out-district by the young men. Committees for visiting strangers and the sick are appointed. Intemperance is the great evil. — The *Central church, Lynn*, has received 11 members; has added 25 families to its congregation; distributes 100 copies of "*Good Words*"; and sustains the Fellowship meeting.— The *North church, Lynn*, has gained 13 members; the congregation has largely increased; the debt of $8,800 has been paid. Special preaching services for the children are held. When a *fifth* Sunday evening occurs in any month, it is devoted to a Temperance meeting. During the winter a

Praise meeting occurs, ordinarily, once a month. A Sewing and Singing school, for the children, occurs once a week. The congregation unite in the Lord's prayer in the morning service of the Sabbath. An improved freedom has been gained in the prayer-meetings by a suitable arrangement of the seats. The Fellowship meetings are partly devotional, partly social, and sometimes are devoted to the discussion of church work. Church work is carefully systematized through the employment of enlistment cards, and otherwise; and pains are taken to enlist new communicants. Every month 330 copies of "*Good Words*" are distributed throughout a district which the church undertakes to cover, as well as it can, with systematic Christian oversight and labor.—The *Chestnut Street church, Lynn*, is making special effort to enlist every member of the congregation in some form of Christian activity. Enlistment circulars are used. The congregation and Sunday-school steadily grow.—"The united efforts of the churches in Lynn, of all denominations, secured a triumphant vote against the sale of malt liquors. The good effects are seen everywhere."—The church in *Swampscott* has enjoyed considerable religious interest. Here, also, a wiser arrangement of seats has added to the freedom of the prayer-meetings.—From *Wenham* and *Topsfield* favorable reports are received. In *other churches*, not reporting in detail the present year, faithful and wise labors have met with encouraging success.

Review. The Committee of the Conference express the opinion that more "systematic efforts to reach neglecters is necessary. Large numbers still remain outside of all direct church influence. Many are unobserved, and hence uncared for. Might not something be accomplished by engaging individuals in different sections of the parish to look up these persons, and report their names to the pastor?"

Secondly. "There is a demand for *united* counsel and work on the part of the churches. The success of the Temperance movement shows the advantage of this union. Allied to the Temperance cause is that of the Sabbath, which seems now to call for special attention."

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 25; pastors, 11; stated preachers, 8; churches vacant, 6; churches aided, 7.

Owing to the sudden death of Rev. CHARLES LORD, the chairman of the Committee in this Conference, no regular report has been received. The following general statement is taken from a brief narrative furnished by the delegates to the General Association.

Narrative. Seldom if ever before have so many pastoral ties been sundered in a single year as in the year just ended. Rev. *Charles Lord*, of Buckland, and Rev. *P. K. Clark*, of Charlemont, have been taken by death; the *Second church in Greenfield*, and the church in *Conway*, have dismissed their pastors; while the church in *Orange*, and the *First church in Greenfield*, have received pastors.

Orange and *Sunderland* have remodeled and dedicated their sanctuaries,

and have now beautiful houses of worship.—The enterprise at *Miller's Falls* has resulted in the formation of a Congregational church. It starts with about 40 members, is in a young and growing community, and has a good prospect of success. In the churches generally there has been an average measure of prosperity. Many of them are a little flock among the hills, struggling against apparent destiny, but struggling nobly. Some of our churches have manifested, the past winter, unusual activity.—The *Second church in Greenfield*, and the church in *South Deerfield*, held daily prayer-meetings for many weeks after the Week of Prayer. In others since that time the meetings have been unusually frequent. In some cases there has been a little awakening, and in *Sunderland* a powerful revival. This church reports some 80 conversions, and about half of that number have already made open profession of their faith. In general we believe that the cause of Christ is gaining, and that amid many discouragements we have no reason to be disheartened.

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

This Conference publishes an "Annual Report" of its churches and its own doings. The Report for 1871 makes an interesting pamphlet of 32 pages, containing, besides the usual details, a *Historical Sketch* of the Conference, and the "Benevolent Association" which preceded it.

One new church, the "*Park Street church, West Springfield,*" has been organized during the year. The church in *Montgomery*, having been reduced to nine members, two males and seven females, its field has been left in charge of the Methodists, who are more numerous.—The churches have increased their *contributions* nearly $5,000 over those of last year, nearly $14,000 over those of the year before, and about $20,000 over those of 1868.

Revivals. Seven churches report revivals. At *Chester Depot* the additions were chiefly "a gathering in of fruit which had long been ripening." The *First church, Holyoke*, reports an addition of 34 persons at one communion, most of them persons in middle life. — In *Ludlow*, also, the church has been "greatly blessed." — The *First church, Palmer*, recounts "a cheering work of grace" and a "very happy change in the moral aspects of the community."— The *South church, Springfield*, held an *extra* communion season in April, for the reception of new members, when 21 persons, among whom were 13 young men, made a public confession of their faith in Christ. — At *Feeding Hills*, also, the church enjoyed the quickening influences of the Spirit. — At *Blandford* 14 were received, and five family altars "were added to the spiritual power of the church."

Church Activity and Improvement. In *Chicopee Falls* the *Second church* has paid off a debt of $4,580, has joined with others in organizing a "Temperance Union," and established a "Sunday afternoon prayer-meeting in a destitute neighborhood." The churches at *East Granville, East Longmeadow, Mittineaque*, the *Second church in Palmer*, and the *First church in Holyoke*, have repaired their houses of worship. The chapel at *Longmeadow* has been thoroughly renovated. — The *First church in Chicopee*

has thoroughly canvassed its field, and reports that "within the area of the parish there is not another family whom we have any reasonable hope of drawing in."— In *Longmeadow*, of the 137 families, 30 are Irish or French, and 15 of the remainder are neglecters. Young People's meetings, Praise meetings, "Household meetings," and Bible services are well sustained. The *Bible service* comes monthly, in connection with the Sabbath-school concert, in place of the regular afternoon service, and is a "very efficient and delightful help and stimulus to the study of the Word, and an important aid to the preaching of it from the pulpit."— In *Monson*, a thorough *Christian visitation* of the town has been successfully carried through, by "the younger members of the church," "many of whom testify to the benefit they have themselves received." Bibles, Testaments and other books were sold or given away. Half a dozen families were found without any part of the Scriptures. Meetings have been held in school-houses at a distance from the Centre. Two female prayer-meetings are a source of strength and encouragement. — The "Bible service" of the *First church, Springfield*, has been heartily sustained, and its *Home prayer-meeting* "is always a refreshing occasion." A "Young People's Society" has been formed, for "active service and taking care of strangers." — The mission work of the *South church, Springfield*, is "eminently prosperous." Its "Hope Chapel" is more than full, having a Sunday-school of more than 200 scholars, with regular preaching and a prayer-meeting. A Sunday-school, with other religious services, is also sustained in part by this church on *Long Hill*. — The "only regular out-district work" of the *Second church, Westfield*, has been continued. The "Fellowship Meeting" holds a secure place in the affections of the church; a variety of religious newspapers have been largely distributed; and a new parsonage has been completed.

From most of the other churches hopeful accounts are received. No other Conference in the State shows a better history or more hopeful prospects. In no other have such earnest measures been taken for the promotion of fellowship. A spirit of hope and enterprise characterizes its meetings and its policy.

HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, 12; stated preachers, 2; churches vacant, 3; church aided, 1; church members, 3446.

This Conference occupies the portion of Hampshire county lying west of the Connecticut. About one half of its churches are found in agricultural, and half in manufacturing communities. Nearly all of the former suffer from emigration. In many instances the places of those going away are left vacant; but more frequently they are taken by persons but little interested in religious things. In some of these towns the population is not diminishing; but the numbers being kept up by an increase of the foreign element, the number of those who attend our Protestant churches is decreasing. In the manufacturing towns, on the other hand, the population

is generally increasing, and the churches are gaining in strength. Three churches — in *Williamsburg*, *Huntington*, and *Chesterfield* — are without either pastor or stated preachers. These are the only vacancies.

Revivals. During the fall and winter of 1870–71, the churches in *Florence*, *Huntington Village*, *Williamsburg*, *Haydenville*, and *Worthington*, were blessed with revivals of considerable power, and large additions have been made to their membership. Quite recently, the church in *Westhampton* also has been visited with a gentle refreshing from the Spirit. On the whole, the churches may be regarded as in a very prosperous condition.

Temperance. In many of the towns there has been very decided progress in the cause of Temperance, — a result due largely to the efforts of the ministers and churches. The great majority of church members, however, exhibit too little interest in the matter.

So far as can be ascertained, the *out-districts* are well cared for.

Home Evangelization. The Conference, which has recently been resuscitated, is sustained with interest, and seems to be doing good. At its last meeting a Committee was appointed, to report at the next meeting some plan for promoting religious interest among the churches and developing their efficiency; and to take such other steps as will advance the work of evangelization within the limits of the Conference. This action had special reference to the wants of the feebler churches and those which have not for a long time been blessed with a revival. It is hoped that in all these places the way may be so prepared that God can, consistently with the principles on which he acts, bestow the blessings of his grace.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 20; pastors, 17; stated preacher, 1; churches vacant, 3; churches aided, 2; holding no religious services, 1; number of church members, 8373.

Communities. The population of most of the towns is chiefly rural; and yet in a few of them there are manufacturing and commercial interests of considerable magnitude, giving employment in some instances to large numbers of foreigners of various nationalities. With few exceptions, our communities require no extraordinary modes of church work, nor are there any peculiar difficulties in the way of reaching them.

Strength of Churches. Six or seven of the churches may be accounted large and strong. About the same number may be designated as of medium size and strength, while the remaining six or seven may be regarded as small and more or less feeble. A few of them, though not many, have suffered considerably from emigration.

The Pastorate. The number of pastors is the same as reported last year, and there is a good degree of permanency in this relation, its average length being 10 years. One pastor has been in his place 12 years; another, 14; another, 18; another, 24; another, 29; and another, 31; while others range from 4 to 8 years. The effects of this permanency are most happy.

Salaries. The salaries are none of them large, for the churches which

pay them. Several of them are much too small; but most of the pastors contrive to live upon what they receive, not many, if any, being able to lay aside anything for the future.

Services. Some of the churches report a decided increase in attendance, and in the value and success of the religious meetings. Prayer-meetings are improving in spirit and in modes of conduct. They are becoming less formal and more free, and are participated in by a larger proportion of the members of the churches.

Fellowship. Some of the churches report the inauguration of special efforts for the cultivation of Christian fellowship within the church, and for the manifestation of greater Christian interest towards those without. In one instance, the "Fellowship meeting" takes the place of the usual prayer-meeting of the week which follows the communion; and a monthly tea-party for the whole congregation is an established feature of the methods adopted for mutual interest and helpfulness. Another church is attempting to lift the tone of ordinary "social circles," by giving prominence to music and literary readings.

Activity. There is a lamentable want of activity in many of our churches, yet there is an increase of it, and a good degree of it in some of them. One church speaks of an efficient working force of young men who hold meetings in remote parts of the town.

Sunday-schools. Sabbath-schools are, on the whole, more flourishing and successful than heretofore. Special efforts are put forth in some places to increase their efficiency. In one place, the pastor preaches a short, informal sermon to the school, at the concert, on the afternoon of the second Sabbath of the month.

Revivals. There was a revival of considerable interest and power in *Belchertown*, which brought 37 persons into the church. — In *South Hadley Falls*, also, there was a quiet work early in the year, as the result of which 13 persons came into the church by profession. But the largest work was wrought at *Enfield*. The pastor's words concerning it are: "The event of the year with us has been a revival of remarkable power and extent. This began, to outward view, toward the close of January, and continued with increasing interest for nearly three months. About the middle of March Rev. J. T. Avery began to labor with us, and his efforts were specially blessed. As one result of this gracious work, the church has been raised to a somewhat higher plane of religious living and activity. As another, 51 persons, many of them heads of families, have connected themselves with us on profession of their faith, besides *four* who have been received from other churches."

Out-Districts. Meetings have been held and Sabbath-schools sustained in "out-districts" in several of the towns, but the churches generally are not half awake to the importance of this work.

MENDON CONFERENCE.

(No report.)

MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 18; pastors, 12; without pastors, 6; churches aided, 3.

The churches without pastors are none of them very strong in numbers or wealth. They find it difficult to raise the sum of money necessary for a minister's support. There is considerable disparity in the salaries paid by the stronger and the weaker churches. These evils are always increased by the multiplication of sects; and yet it is here, as elsewhere throughout the State, that such weakness operates as a temptation to the formation of new churches. The only way of meeting such difficulties is found in an increase of Christian devotion and activity.

In general, there was more religious interest among the churches of this Conference last year, than for many years before. In some the interest was of very marked character. All are in an improved condition.

In many towns there is a large element of old Unitarianism. This manifests its influence in many families and individuals who do not attend church anywhere. The question, How is it possible to awaken a new interest in this portion of the community? is one of much difficulty. Pastoral visitation and neighborhood meetings have been useful. Special preaching services, with sermons by some pastor from a neighboring town, have seemed to have a better effect than labors of "Evangelists." Probably if the churches themselves could be roused to some good measure of enthusiasm for their *whole work*, so as to engage earnestly in the endeavor to carry the gospel effectually to every family within their reach, this most difficult problem would approach solution. The truth is, it is time for us all to have done with *specifics*, and to address ourselves, instead, to the building up of the constitution and the harmonious development of its energies by their natural and continuous exercise. If, by the favor of God, churches should grow warm in work, their general health and vigor would so improve that many ailments would be healed, and burdensome tasks be made lighter.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, 9; stated preachers, 4; churches vacant, 4; churches aided, 2; pastors elect, 3.

Communities and Churches. In twelve of the towns of this Conference the pursuits are chiefly agricultural, and the people are mostly native Americans of the better class. From the towns wholly without manufacturing interests, the young men very generally emigrate. Though but two of the churches — in *Ayer* and *Boxborough* — receive missionary aid, four others — *Dunstable*, *Littleton*, *Lunenburg*, and *Shirley* — are small and poor; but services are regularly maintained by very generous efforts and gifts of their members. During last year the *Rollstone church*, *Fitchburg*, paid a part of its debt; those of *Ashby* and *Harvard* made interior improvements; that in *Acton* refurnished its house, at an expense of about $500; the *Calvinistic church*, *Fitchburg*, remodeled its house, at a cost of

$12,000; and that in *Lunenburg* spent $5,300 for the same purpose and for a parsonage; *Groton, Acton, Littleton, Westford,* and *Pepperell,* have also secured parsonages; and *Townsend* has entered upon measures for the same object. With the help of the other churches, the church in *Boxborough* has paid off a debt which for a long time had been a serious incumbrance.

Membership. There has been a net gain, on the whole, of about 50 members.

Revivals have been enjoyed in *Lunenburg,* with an addition of 23 persons to the church; in *Townsend,* with an addition of 24; in *Pepperell,* with an addition of 63; and in *Groton,* with possibly still larger gains. Here the work commenced in an out-district called *The Community,* spreading thence to other neighborhoods and to the Centre. It was carried on by the pastor and the church members, and has resulted in from 80 to 100 hopeful conversions; in about 60 cases, of persons in the Congregational parish. *Fifty* have already joined the church, and others are expected.

Special Meetings. Fellowship meetings have been held with more or less constancy in *Pepperell* and *Townsend.* Out-district meetings have been continued in *Ashby, Dunstable, Fitchburg, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Leominster, Lunenburg, Pepperell,* and *Townsend,* and in several cases have resulted in reaching neglecters and in marked conversions. During the summer months, *out-of-door* meetings were held in *Leominster* and *Pepperell* with great success, a large number attending who belong to the class that cannot ordinarily be induced to enter even a school-house to hear the gospel.

Benevolence. There has been an evident increase in the spirit of benevolence, the reported contributions being about $3000 in advance of last year. The Conference has been holding meetings during the winter every three weeks, in behalf of Home Missionary enterprises, which have greatly deepened the interest in all departments of the work.

Temperance. In the last part of the year the law was enforced better than formerly, and closed up quite a number of liquor establishments. It is generally felt that the "beer clause" is a very weak point, offering an opportunity which many are ready to improve, to do a sad work, with good prospect of evading punishment.

Pastorates. It is very difficult to secure pastors that are acceptable to the churches, or to find pastors who will accept the churches; and very difficult to keep them long, when found. This is especially true of the weaker churches. *We have but one pastorate of five years' standing! Eight* of the seventeen churches have stated supplies, or no regular ministers. The frequency of change is chargeable to both pastors and people. Young ministers find it difficult to meet all the demands made upon them, and after two or three years' service feel so completely exhausted that they think a change to be a necessity. Some leave when very slight difficulties arise, rather than remain and attempt to remove them. A few find the salary so small that a larger one is an irresistible temptation. Then the people sometimes prefer a "smart" man to a devoted man; sometimes fail to cooperate with the pastor, and drive him, by the discouragement thus

induced, to another field. It must be confessed, also, that a very general feeling prevails in many communities that short pastorates are preferable to very long ones.

Destitute Fields. We have here four places that very much need the stated means of grace, — *North Leominster*, *South Acton*, *Shirley Centre*, and *Stowe*. Some of these will undoubtedly be occupied by other denominations before long, if not by our own. Our Home Missionary Society is as much needed in these places as in many occupied at the West.

General Remarks. Universalism and Unitarianism prevail largely in the region covered by this Conference, though there are fewer churches by *five*, of these denominations, than there were twenty-five years ago; and in no town is their relative strength so great as then. Among the recent converts are found a husband and wife, the former of whom had been profane and a scoffer at religion; and another, very intemperate, who had not attended a religious meeting for eight years. The churches might undoubtedly diminish somewhat the number of *Neglecters* by the adoption of the system of "free seats," by earnest efforts to persuade attendance, and by a warm welcome to those who may begin to come. It is probable, however, that the great majority can be reached only by the most prayerful, judicious and persistent labors.

NORFOLK CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 30; pastors, 18; stated preachers, 6; churches vacant, 6; churches aided, 2.

The Communities. Most or all of these towns are in a prosperous condition, growing in population and in material resources. Nearly all are engaged in manufactures. A disposition is shown to gather into the centres of population and to abandon the outlying districts; and in the populous villages too many of the people, instead of seeking permanent homes, are changeable, going from place to place in search of better openings for business or work. In consequence of these frequent removals, many lose their place in the sanctuary and their interest in religious things, fall under the influence of scepticism, or, in the pursuit of pleasure, become indifferent.

The gathering of so many young men and women in these manufacturing establishments exposes them to great moral dangers, and oftentimes the teachings of the one day of the week that is consecrated to religious instruction are more than counteracted by those of the shop, given six days in succession. The ease with which the young people of these towns can reach the metropolis, by the frequent day and night trains, while it may be of some advantage, is an exposure to the temptations of the city. The city allurements are oftentimes more dangerous to the youth of these towns and villages, than to those who live in the city, who are immediately surrounded by the safeguards of home.

The churches are mostly in a condition of external prosperity. They are nearly all self-supporting. The church at *Beechwood* receives mission-

ary aid; the First and Second churches in *Milton*, though maintaining separate worship, are united in one pastor; and the Second church of Randolph (now *Holbrook*) has not maintained public worship for several years. It appears from the returns that considerable attention has been paid to *out-districts*, and much labor expended to reach other neighborhoods remote from churches. The church in *Easton* has sustained prayer-meetings in four or five different places, and a Sabbath-school has been kept in one district for six months. Some of the prayer-meetings have been in behalf of Temperance. A young man and a young woman have been hopefully converted in connection with the district meetings. The *First church in Randolph* has organized one Sabbath-school and aided another, in two out-districts; and in a third a room has been fitted up where prayer-meetings and preaching services are frequently held. Such a room, it is found, draws together many who would not assemble at a private house, and some families are reached, not before brought under the direct influence of the truth. — In still another district a preaching service is kept up, in cooperation with other churches, every Sabbath evening, and a prayer-meeting each Saturday evening. — In *Sharon*, meetings in two districts have been maintained with a good degree of interest, and in one a Sabbath-school of forty members has been held weekly. — In *Bridgewater*, a Sabbath-school of from 50 to 80 members has been sustained, and meetings in connection with it. — In *Stoughton*, a meeting has been held on Sabbath evenings in the west part of the town, at which the pastor has been present every fortnight, the meeting being conducted on the alternate Sabbaths by the brethren. — The *Second church in South Weymouth* has held two prayer-meetings a week in different parts of the parish. — In *Braintree* meetings have been held most of the year in one or two parts of the town where the people do not get out much to the regular church service. — Members of the Sabbath-school of *Campello* have continued with much interest through the summer months a Sabbath-school started by them a year or two ago, about four miles distant in a neighboring town.

Bible Service. In *Stoughton*, a Bible service has been held in the afternoon, in place of the usual sermon. The consequence has been a gain in attendance over that of the Sunday-school of the year previous. The change in the character of the services seems to have steadily grown in favor with the people, though some of them — of the older ones especially — cling tenaciously to the old method, of two sermons with the Sunday-school between. — In *Braintree*, the Bible service was adopted for the afternoon, — the pastor teaching a Bible class, and then talking about the lesson to the whole congregation about fifteen minutes. The plan was very successful, so far as concerns the increase of numbers and the degree of interest in the service. Some of the older members of the congregation did not fall in with the plan readily, and on their account the experiment was not continued. Accordingly, during a part of the year the Sabbath-school lesson was made the topic of the afternoon sermon, following the session of the school, service being somewhat abbreviated. This plan has

seemed to have many of the advantages of the Bible session, without being open to the objections which have been urged against that service.

Fellowship Meetings have been held by the *Second church in South Weymouth*, on the Monday evenings following the communion, and much interest has been manifested in them. They have been held also in *Campello*, on Wednesday evening following the communion, and have been pleasant and profitable to those who have attended them; likewise in *Braintree*, several times in the year, and attended by considerable numbers.

Praise Meetings have been held at *Cohasset* once a month, the congregation joining in the singing more freely than before. Two or three Praise meetings have been held at *Campello*, making good impressions, and occasionally in *Randolph* on Sabbath evenings.

Large audiences of six or seven hundred persons have gathered at these meetings. Many who have no church-going habits, and some who have not been seen in a church for years, are glad to meet in this service of song. The opportunity is improved to make as earnest appeals as possible in behalf of the truths of the gospel and men's need of a Saviour. It is proposed to continue this effort for reaching the masses. One fact of interest in connection with these meetings is, that though they are so entirely different from anything in the past, no word of objection has been heard against them from any source.

Temperance. This subject has continued to receive much attention, and in many places more vigorous efforts have been put forth to promote the cause. From the *First church, Randolph*, the report is: There has been a strong movement. A very thorough-going pledge, to aid in suppressing the sale of liquor, has been signed by scores of the American-born citizens of nearly every class; and for a time no shops were open upon the streets. But those engaged in the traffic have many dodges and modes of evading the law, and it is difficult to follow all their turns. We believe the matter will be pushed forward earnestly, and that we shall see a better state of things. — In *Cohasset*, Temperance principles have been advocated frequently in lectures. The old law is wanted. — In *Stoughton* the cause has been making progress during the past year. An open organization has been established, and meetings held weekly in the vestries of the different churches. Lectures have been given and discussions held, and a greater interest developed than has been manifested for years. Vigorous measures have been taken to enforce the law, and several of the illegal rum-sellers have been kept, from twenty to sixty days, at the public expense. The Temperance pledge has been introduced into the Sabbath-school, and more than one hundred and twenty have signed it. Some intemperate men have been reclaimed, and the cause seems in hopeful condition. — In *Campello*, new efforts have been made and new interest developed. Several intemperate persons have been hopefully reclaimed, and are now active promoters of the movement. — In *Sharon*, new interest has been awakened by the formation of a Union Society of all the friends of Temperance, holding monthly meetings. — In *Bridgewater*, the Roman Priest is an earnest advocate of Temperance, and the prohibitory law does good.

Revivals. The church in *Cohasset* has gained 12 by profession, and there has been decided progress spiritually. — In *Stoughton*, several young persons have become interested, and some are indulging hope. One young man, a member of Amherst College, has recently become a Christian, his conversion being connected with the services of the annual day of prayer for colleges. He was remembered specially, and it is believed that the regenerating influence of the Spirit was given in answer to fervent supplication. — *Easton* reports some unusual spiritual interest in the church, and two or three hopeful conversions. — The *First church, Braintree*, reports: "It is hoped that nearly 50 persons have become Christians during the year, — religious conversation the chief instrumentality relied upon, with some increase in the number of religious meetings, — the preaching in one line, for revival purposes. A private meeting of the brethren has been held during a considerable part of the year, in which prayer has been made for particular individuals, and conversation has been held relative to the ways of reaching them. This meeting has been very useful. A prayer-meeting of young lads, from nine to fourteen years of age, numbering from seven to twelve, has been held during the greater part of the year. Some adult usually meets with them, and pains are taken to give them systematic instruction. They determine for themselves the time and place of their meetings. The young misses also have a similar meeting. Some of them — from eleven to thirteen years of age — have united with the churches. Systematic attempts have been made to interest the very young people in missions, and in studying for the ministry." — With the church at *South Weymouth*, the year was one of both temporal and spiritual blessing. Twenty-three persons were added on profession of their faith. Prayer-meetings were sustained throughout the year on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings. No special means were used in connection with the revival, save that certain meetings were held for those particularly interested in religion, and a course of lectures on Christian Doctrine was given by the pastor. Fellowship meetings were held after the communion, and much interest was manifested in them.

OLD COLONY CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 14; pastors, 10; stated preacher, 0; churches vacant, 4; churches aided, 2.

Communities. The larger communities within the bounds of this Conference have suffered greatly from the decay of the whaling and the shipbuilding interests. Some of the remainder are engaged in manufactures, mostly of iron and of cotton, which bring an increase of wealth, but add largely also to the floating and neglecting classes. The churches in the purely rural communities are nearly all weak. One of these churches, however, the old *First church*, of *New Bedford*, is earnestly striving after "a new order of things." "A fresh interest has been started in the Sabbath morning service for responsive Bible reading and Topical reading. The Praise meeting has been introduced; also ocasional lectures to the

young, — both with good effect. It is intended, likewise, to have 'Promise' and 'Purpose' meetings." "A social gathering is held monthly, in the vestry, for everybody to attend."

Out-Districts. Within a few years renewed attention has been given by churches of this Conference to their out-districts. The *First church, Middleborough*, has two Branch Sunday-schools, in one of which the *Central church* assists. — In *Rochester*, the pastor has been preaching and holding prayer-meetings out upon the "borders," in private houses and school-houses. "Hopes long ago cherished but well nigh abandoned have been revived; aged and infirm Christians have again heard the voice of the living preacher; and people, old and young, ordinarily strangers to the Sanctuary, have come out to hear the gospel." But "there is still great need of Christian work" in these same borders. — In *Fairhaven*, also, the large farming districts of the eastern part of the town are reported as in hopeful condition, with two weekly prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools well attended.

Fellowship. A large proportion of the churches are also endeavoring, by means of the Fellowship meeting, Sociables, and familiar Neighborhood prayer-meetings, to promote Christian acquaintance and affection.

Sunday-schools. A growing interest is manifest in this important department of church work. In *Fairhaven* and *South Dartmouth* the entire Sabbath forenoon is given up to it, the pastor of the latter church occupying the post of superintendent, and questioning the whole school upon Bible subjects almost every Lord's day. The *Pacific church*, in *New Bedford*, devotes the afternoon to the school. Other churches make encouraging reports.

Temperance and Morals. From *Rochester*, we hear: "The state of morals is far above what it is in most places. Very little intemperance; the young people steady, intelligent, industrious, and far from anything like rowdyism."— From *Mattapoisett*, — "the general moral condition is good. No liquor sold in the place. An energetic Temperance organization."— From *another* town, of several thousand inhabitants, — "a large majority are neglecters. Notwithstanding there are Temperance organizations, with earnest workers in the cause, much liquor is sold. A stolid indifference to religion seems to have settled down upon many households." But here the state of things is improving. Audiences are increasing, contributions enlarging, and the past ten years show marked progress. — *South Dartmouth* reports: "No place where liquor is sold. A quiet moral village."— Of still *another place*, we read: "Many children in this town are under little or no restraint from their parents or others. The Sabbath is fearfully desecrated in this region. It is hard to say whether, on the whole, the kingdom of Christ has gained during the last year." (It may here be remarked, that neither Puritanism in general, nor any Congregational church in particular, is responsible for this state of things.) But here also there are signs of promise. A wise and energetic administration of the church is giving the people more definite and more commanding views of truth, is promoting habits of friendly intercourse, is enlisting parents and other adults in the Sunday-school, and is beginning to get hold of

young men, and to engage Christians in efforts in behalf of the neglecting and neglected.

Free Seats. The free-seat system went into operation in the *Central church, Middleborough*, April 1st, 1872.

Organized for Work. The *Trinitarian church, New Bedford*, has been deprived of its beloved pastor, whose health compelled him to go away; but it is in a better condition than most, to bear the temporary lack of pastoral labors. "There are many workers among its members, arranged and combined in systematic manner. The parish is divided into twenty-two districts. These are apportioned under the special charge of forty persons, who have one hundred copies of *Good Words* for distribution, and who visit the sick and the afflicted and search out neglecters. The church appears to be really alive to those within its parish bounds."

General Remarks. It is believed that there is a disposition among the churches of this Conference to fill their parishes, in similar manner, with thorough-going Christian labors, and that they are striving to work up to a higher standard of effective discipline. At the last Conference of Churches the following resolutions were adopted:

In view of the urgent need of extra Evangelical labors in many of our churches from time to time,

Resolved, That this Conference earnestly recommend to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society to select and commission some two or three men, "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," to labor as helpers in such churches as may call for them, special attention being given to our feebler churches.

And we would suggest that one of these helpers be selected from our pastors, the others being licensed lay preachers; and that in case they should fail to receive in full the stipulated salary from the free-will offerings of the grateful love of those with whom they labor, the deficiency be made up from the Treasury of the Home Missionary Society, these laborers being regarded as home missionaries at large.

Resolved, That as the next best thing, till some such arrangement be made, we, the pastors of this Conference, do pledge ourselves to aid one another in extra labors as circumstances may require.

PILGRIM CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 15; pastors, 4; stated preachers, 9; churches vacant, 2; churches aided, 3.

Population. During the ten years from 1860 to 1870 the population of the twelve towns covered by the Pilgrim Conference declined. Of these 12 towns only three increased in population, Plymouth, Scituate, and Hanover. Duxbury diminished in numbers 247, — almost 10 percent; Marshfield lost 211 inhabitants, — 11 percent; and Plympton, though its loss has been only 187, being a smaller town, has suffered most of all, — 19 percent. Taking the entire territory into view, the loss has been nearly 3½ percent.

This is a serious aspect of affairs, in its bearing upon the standing and prospects of the churches. If under these circumstances we hold our own, much more, make progress, there is reason for encouragement. When we take into view the fact that families in this generation are small; that it is the young who emigrate; that the existing style of civilization and the pressure of business tend to drain the rural districts, and to build up cities and villages, we are impressed with the feeling that many of our towns are doomed to decay. It is true that railroad facilities are increasing; but the effect remains to be seen. The probable result will be the building up of some of the business centres, the retaining of a portion of the population at home, and the increase of residents and visitors at the summer watering places. While thus the rural districts are declining, the shore towns are passing through a process of transition, in various ways affecting the spiritual progress of the churches.

The town of *Kingston* has diminished in population within ten years, notwithstanding the immigration of two or three hundred foreigners, mostly Romanists. The congregation, however, shows a relative gain, though not large. Its pecuniary ability has increased very much. The church is not quite so large as it was twenty-five years ago. Several hopeful conversions last year were encouraging. The present pastor, Rev. Joseph Peckham, has occupied his post — a period of three years excepted — for more than twenty-nine years, longer than any other in the Conference.

The *Church of the Pilgrimage*, in *Plymouth*, reports progress. The general activity of the church has increased. A Fellowship meeting is held once a month. "The Departmental method of church work was adopted at the beginning of 1872. A weekly prayer-meeting and a Branch Sunday-school are maintained upon the northern border of the town. Praise meetings have been held on Sunday evenings, for the purpose of attracting the indifferent; and outwardly, at least, with encouraging success. The year is believed to have brought 'essential and abiding gain to the Redeemer's Kingdom.'"

The church in *Plympton* holds occasional "Fraternal meetings." The pastor is in the habit of making the circuit of the school districts, holding social meetings in each. In *Scituate*, Praise meetings have been attended with an increase of interest.

Review. One church has neither received nor lost a member. In four, the removals have equalled the receptions; while in eight churches they have been greater. In all, the number added on profession is 15; by letter, 18, — making 33. The number removed by death is 27; by dismission, 18; by excommunication, 8, — making 53, a loss on the whole of 20.

When we examine further into the statistics of the churches, we find their aggregate membership 1265, of whom 895 are females, and but 370 males. Leaving out the three churches which contain over 100 members each, the *average membership* of the remaining twelve is but 66 — 18 males and 45 females.

The *average salary* paid by thirteen churches reporting, is $828.45. But the *average salary* paid by *ten* of these churches is only $705.

These facts go far toward explaining the religious condition of the twelve towns within this Conference. Now that railroads are favoring a revival of business, it would seem that the churches were called upon to labor and pray for a spiritual revival, which should recruit their thinned ranks and bring a large reinforcement of courage and energy.

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 20; pastors, 14; stated preacher, 1; churches vacant, 5; churches aided, 2.

From the interesting reports furnished by churches of this Conference, we make the following extracts.

Salem and Mariners' church, Boston. The Boston Seamen's Friend Society sustains the relation of an ecclesiastical society to this church, and pays the current expenses. Its work is by no means confined to sailors, but extends over the whole of the "North End" of Boston. It is conducted with a good deal of vigor. In addition to the usual Sabbath services, prayer-meetings are held at 9.30 on Sunday mornings, and at 6.15 in the afternoon. The pastor meets the children who wish to see him, on Mondays at 6 o'clock P. M., when a Young People's meeting is held, open to all. On Tuesday evenings there is a meeting at the Sailors' Home; on Wednesday afternoons, a Children's meeting at 2 o'clock, and a Mother's meeting at 3 o'clock; on Thursday evenings, a prayer-meeting at some private house, and a Scandinavian prayer-meeting in the vestry. At the latter, the attendance often numbers sixty persons. Several conversions have occurred. A Bible class, composed of Scandinavians, meets in the church every Sabbath. These frequent prayer-meetings are all so conducted as to be really meetings of church fellowship. There are cordial greetings and handshakings, with a genuine home feeling. They are no burden, but a delight, — an occasion of social and sacred repose to those wearied by trouble or toil. Christian women bear their part in the exercises, and are among the most efficient helpers.

"We go into the streets," says the pastor, "invite people to come in, and at the end of our meetings converse with them. It is a common thing to have brief seasons of prayer with individuals before they leave the house. But there is a vast demand for the most skilful and self-sacrificing labor in this part of the city. More than one hundred houses of ill fame and four hundred grog-shops, are continually spreading their baleful influences abroad. This earnest church stands, as it were, hard by the gate of hell. It keeps employed a noble band of workers." The pastor testifies of the church, that "it is the best working force he has ever known; by the grace of God, maintaining a persistent, unflagging interest, — its members joyful and happy in each other and in their employment."

Maverick church, East Boston. "This church holds a Sabbath morning

prayer-meeting, attended by a goodly number who come together to pray for the blessing of God upon the preaching of the gospel. The Young People's meeting, at 6.30 P. M., is maintained with a good degree of interest. On the first Sabbath evening of each month, a Foreign Missionary meeting is held, at which reports are made by the President of the 'Woman's Board,' and by several of the brethren. The 'Woman's Missionary Society,' auxiliary to the Woman's Board, the 'Zulu Helpers,' and the 'Maverick Rill,' are doing a good work for Foreign Missions. On the third Sabbath evening, the Children's meeting gathers a congregation of from six hundred to a thousand people. On the fourth Sabbath evening comes the Home prayer-meeting. When there is a fifth Sabbath, a Temperance prayer-meeting is held in the evening, preceded by a Temperance sermon in the afternoon. We find most of the poverty and crime in our community closely connected with intemperance; and we have nailed the motto to the masthead, — *Total Abstinence, for the individual; and Prohibition, for the State.*"

"Five Neighborhood meetings are held on Tuesday evenings. Open-Air meetings were carried on successfully during the summer, with an average congregation of over 1100. They will be resumed as soon as the weather permits."

"Every Sabbath morning our young men circulate religious papers among seamen, some of whom are thus brought to the house of God. We are scattering broadcast on the island copies of '*Everybody's Paper*,' '*Good Words*,' '*Good Cheer*,' '*Glad Tidings*,' and others, hoping in this way to counteract the influence of the trash that is found in half of the homes visited. In six months there were circulated over 14,000 of these papers, and over 7000 pages of German and Swedish papers and tracts, together with seventy-six Bibles and Testaments."

"An *Enlistment Circular* has recently been sent to all the members of the church, and over a third of them have already designated departments of Christian work in which they will do something for the Lord. We are thus organizing the church, to gather neglecters into the Sanctuary and Sabbath-school, to relieve the poor and sick, visit new families, &c."

"This church reports as under its care 311 families — 1432 individuals — whose names and places of residence are all entered in a Church Register. During the past year over 100 persons were brought to church. The Sunday-school has a membership of 546, — average attendance 338. There have been 12 infant baptisms. Amount of contributions, $3,370.60."

North Avenue church, Cambridge. "The Sabbath evening service of this church continues one hour. Then a half-hour prayer-meeting is held in the vestry, and those impressed by truth during the day are sure to be there. To promote church fellowship, the pastor has given names of families to the Church Committee, from whom he expects reports of visits. The Young People's Association has maintained a Tuesday evening meeting, and provided teachers for a Mission Sabbath-school. Good success has attended a Young Men's prayer-meeting in bringing out Christian young men, and there have been several conversions."

"A long continued and deep *revival*, lasting some four months, has been enjoyed. Among the means employed were, a Business Men's prayer-meeting and preaching for six weeks on Wednesday evening; also, during one week 'Uncle John Vassar' visited among the families of the congregation. About 45 persons have been hopefully converted. The general state of religion in the community is very hopeful. There has been great improvement. There are more church-goers than a year ago. The kingdom of Christ has gained much. This church reports a gain of 49 members. Under its care are 215 families, — 190 church-going and 25 doubtful or wholly neglectful. The Sabbath-school has a membership of 256, — average attendance 182 — a gain of 30."

Pilgrim church, Cambridgeport. The past year has been, with this church, a time of transition, in which its strength and its thought have been to a great extent engaged in the erection of a new meeting-house. There is nothing new in any branch of its work. [It has since been blessed with a powerful revival.]

Stearns chapel, Cambridgeport. "The work at this chapel is progressing favorably. The attendance at the Sunday-school has averaged upwards of 100; at the preaching service, from 75 to 100; and the prayer-meeting, about 20. Half or two thirds of the teachers in the Sunday-school come from the Prospect Street church. Arrangements are now being made to secure a pastor. Another church may be built up here. The Prospect Street church has raised about $1500 in aid of the work."

Winthrop church, Charlestown. "During the past year the church has paid a debt of $5000; and Mr. Carleton, a member of the church, has contributed $50,000 to Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota."

"In addition to the regular services, the young people have held a meeting on Monday evening, and some of the young men have been active in the Young Men's Christian Association in such work as the distribution of tracts among seamen, meetings on the wharves, and Open-Air meetings in the square. A meeting for social purposes is held on the first Wednesday evening of every month. The Sunday-schools are well attended, the average attendance of the two on a fair day being about 500. In connection with the Branch school, meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in the homes of the people. The church has under its care 1400 persons."

Evangelical Congregational church, Revere. "This has long been a struggling church. Except when preaching has been suspended, missionary aid has been received every year since 1828. No revival of religion has ever been enjoyed. It is the custom of the present pastor to visit all the families — except the Roman Catholics — within the territorial bounds of the parish. The church reports a gain of one member. Under its care are 52 families, — 26 church-going, and 28 doubtful or wholly neglectful. The Sabbath-school has a membership of 96, and an average attendance of 46."

Trinitarian church, Waltham. "The year covered by this report has been a marked one in the history of this church. It has entered a new house of worship; between 30 and 40 families have been added to the congregation, and the average attendance has largely increased. Unquestion-

ably, there has been an advance in the influence of evangelical religion in the community."

"The Sunday-school has increased somewhat in numbers and interest. The Fellowship meeting is held *semi-annually;* and it is *very* fully attended. So far as promoting acquaintance goes, it is a decided success. Its value is very great, and yet it does not meet the deeper need of spiritual acquaintance and fellowship. The Praise meeting has now, for a year, been an established institution here, — held on the evening of the third Sabbath of each month. The church is always crowded; and many who never at other times enter the Sanctuary, are seen at these meetings. There is much evidence that many have been not merely interested, but spiritually profited by these services."

"The church has a system of visitation, but owing to the illness of the pastor, with a variety of other causes, the work was not pushed forward last year as he hopes it will be in the future. — Intemperance prevails in this town to a sad degreee, and little is done to stay the evil."

"This church reports a gain of 16 members. Under its care are 202 families, — 183 church-going, and 19 doubtful or habitual neglecters. The number of persons led to attend church or Sunday-school during the year is 36. In addition to $816.76 raised for charities, legacies were left by members of this church to the amount of $10,000.".

The foregoing are given only as specimens. Doubtless we should find the record of other churches in this Conference equally encouraging, if given with equal completeness.

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 31; pastors, 26; stated preachers, 2; churches vacant, 3; churches aided, 0.

[Very full reports from this Conference have been published in past years, rendering an extended statement less important at the present time. The Secretary of its Home Evangelization Committee was prevented by an extraordinary pressure of business cares from making up the usual annual report.]

TAUNTON CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 20; pastors, 7; stated preachers, 10; churches vacant, 3; churches aided, 4.

Most of the churches in this Conference are rather small; and the rural communities in which they are planted are some of them stationary, and some diminishing. *Taunton* and *Fall River*, however, are centres of important manufactures; growing rapidly, but not clearly growing better.

For a part of the year, the church at *Assonet*, in Freetown, was without stated preaching; and the pastor of the *Second church* in *Berkley*, Rev. J. Austin Roberts, is laid aside by ill health. — *Seekonk* reports itself as with-

out a resident minister; but the house of worship has been repaired, and prayer-meetings have been maintained with interest in the out-districts. — From *Lakeville*, we hear that the Sunday-school was maintained during the winter of 1871–2, for the first time; that, the population being scattered and containing many neglecters, prayer-meetings have been held and lectures delivered in not less than *five out-districts*, — in one of which the audience is nearly as large as in the church, while in the smallest it numbers 35. — *Rehoboth* again reports "many neglecters," but also prayer-meetings increasingly attended, the Sunday-school flourishing, a Branch school maintained for several years under many difficulties and some opposition. Preaching services are connected with it, and a prayer-meeting. There have been some conversions.

In like manner, from *West Attleborough*, we learn that every family is reached by the pastor, and that some Christian visitation is done by members of the church. There was a religious awakening in the spring, and a few conversions. A Branch Sunday-school is maintained, and prayer-meetings are held at *out-stations*. The meeting-house has been repaired.

The general impression produced by the reports from the smaller towns is, that amid many difficulties the churches are manfully struggling, and with many signs of success.

From the larger churches good reports also come. The *Second church*, of *Attleborough*, (East,) records a considerable increase in charities; an improvement in the service of song; and the parish districted for visitors; but its pastor was dismissed at the close of the year. — In *Taunton*, there is "very considerable activity in Home Evangelization"; and a new pastor taking hold vigorously in the largest church; the *Winslow church* has adopted congregational singing, with great enthusiasm, and finds the interest of its prayer-meetings largely increased by the preannouncement of the portion of Scripture to be read, and by the presentation of questions for answer on the following week. — The new enterprise at *Whittenton* is very successful; its Sunday-school prosperous and "a great help"; and a house of worship going up. — The *East church* reports good progress, and the *West church* is gathering a new congregation in an out-district, — Oakland.

Fall River finds its manufactures exceedingly prosperous, as the world counts prosperity; but whether as much can be said for the city itself, is not so clear. Large numbers of poor foreigners have been *imported*, to work in the mills. The city is rapidly increasing in population, the foreign-born element greatly predominating. Business would seem to be conducted too exclusively for pecuniary profit, and not sufficiently with a view to the building up of an intelligent Christian community. The churches, however, are doing a good work. Almost every church in town has a Branch Sunday-school, and some have several. One of them reports "piety deepening, with an increase of individual activity and sense of responsibility; cases of quiet conversion; the young people manifesting more interest in religious things; mission work successful." In the other, the missionary work is vigorously carried on and very successful; a city

missionary employed; a new parsonage built; congregational singing adopted and a great success; prayer-meetings well attended; quite a number of hopeful conversions.

WOBURN CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 18; pastors, 13; stated preachers, 2; churches vacant, 2; churches aided, 4.

Revivals. There has been unusual religious interest in the churches of *Malden*, *Melrose*, and *North Reading*. Over 50 conversions are reported to have occurred in connection with the first named church; and a number in the others sufficiently large greatly to encourage the brethren.

New Church. One new church, consisting of twenty-five members, has been formed in the thriving village of *West Medford*. They hope soon to build a church edifice, and the influx of new residents gives promise of success to the enterprise.

Home Missions. "The point of chief interest in the work of the Conference centres in its Home Missionary efforts. An extra meeting of this body was held in the spring, in part to consider the plan of making one meeting each year a missionary meeting. The question was decided in the affirmative, the local Missionary Society being expected to present yearly an account of its work, and other societies to send representatives to address the Conference. The successful operation of the *Woburn Conference Home Missionary Society* has served to awaken the churches to a knowledge of their ability to do more than formerly for the cause of Christ. The receipts of the society for the past year were *three times* as great as the sum that the churches were accustomed, before its foundation, to give to the national Home Missionary Society. This success led the Society, at its spring meeting, to assume the entire care of all the feeble churches of the Conference, releasing the Massachusetts Society from the responsibility it has so long borne. The prospect for the coming year allows the hope that, in addition to the amount needed for the entire relief of all our feeble churches, a sum twice as large as that raised in former years will be paid to the parent Society. The experiment of stimulating benevolence by a local organization, works well with this Conference."

Home Evangelization. Some churches of the Conference have held *Fellowship meetings* with good success. The cause of Temperance has received unusual attention in some of the towns. The feeling of responsibility for the *neglected classes* seems to be growing in many of the churches.

WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 20; pastors, 16; stated preachers, 3; church vacant, 1; church aided, 1.

"The churches of this Conference report general prosperity, with several seasons of refreshing in different places. By these especially, between

two and three hundred have been added to the churches. *Clinton* has been the field of greatest interest. *Worcester* has shared in blessing."

"The Conference, at its last meeting, discussed the desirableness of *help by evangelists;* and though we have occasion gratefully to acknowledge the result of such labors in several of our in-gatherings within the last two years, the sentiment of the Conference runs, quite largely in the majority, not against evangelists, but in favor of like labors among ourselves as churches."

"The Sabbath question has acquired new interest, and a dissertation read upon the subject was ordered to be printed. Within our borders there has been little change in the Sabbath services. Few are willing to give up the afternoon to the Sabbath-school. Bible exercises for the afternoon have not been adopted."

"The organization proposed by the Home Evangelization movement has not been very fully attempted. The ground seemed to be covered in part by the Young Men's Christian Associations; yet it is plain that these cannot supply the means which Home Evangelization contemplates. Too many churches seem but too willing to let this work pass into other hands than their own. God adds his blessing to all labors for Christ; but will he not more abundantly prosper his own church when it shall assume its own responsibilities in his name?"

"The *Plymouth church, Worcester,* has settled a pastor, as have also the churches in *Paxton* and *Sterling.* The *Old South, Worcester,* is again vacant, as also the church in *Princeton.*"

WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 15; pastors, 9; stated preachers, 6; church vacant, 0; churches aided, 5.

General Traits. Three of the larger churches of this Conference are in centres of trade and manufactures; three others are in manufacturing centres that are surrounded by rural districts; the nine remaining are in agricultural communities. Two of the churches have more than 250 members each; one has between 200 and 250; three between 150 and 200; three between 100 and 150; three between 50 and 100; and three have less than 50 members. The average is 133.

The churches in the rural districts suffer from removals more than the larger churches gain by the same, because there are large centres near by but not embraced within this Conference. Portions of the rural parishes are so remote from the Sanctuary that their population is but scantily represented there. Two of these out-districts together cover an area of about 60 square miles, and contain 468 families, — lying in seven different towns, and in nine parishes.

Pastorates are mournfully short, with a tendency to grow shorter still. The frequent changes foster a spirit of indifference, neglect and contention; favor the development of an ill balanced character and habits of "spasmodic" Christian effort.

The *salaries* of the pastors are fair, though some appear to be too small. The average is $986.63; and in the eight smaller churches, $644.25. The large salaries do not give the several churches so great a burden on each member as the smaller. It would seem to be the dictate of Christian equity, therefore, that the stronger churches should aid the weaker, and partly, if not wholly, relieve the Home Missionary Society of this privilege.

Little *systematic effort* to reach the masses is made within the Conference. Many of the ministers labor beyond their strength, but the members of the churches are very slow to heed the command, "Let him that heareth say, come!"

The *Second church* in *Royalston* has attempted to have every family visited by some member of the church once in three months. An efficient Committee was appointed, but sickness, removals, and a lack of interest among other members of the church, prevented a satisfactory result. Pains are taken, however, to see men at their work and in their homes, and to give them cordial invitations. "*Class prayer-meetings*" have been held by some of the classes of the Sunday-school, with good results. The *First church*, *Winchendon*, holds occasional services in out-districts, and a special parish gathering once a fortnight. There has been a growing interest in religious things, and some conversions.

Out-Districts. A Sabbath-school is maintained at *South Ashburnham*, and preaching services are frequently held by different clergymen. It would seem to be time that this place was permanently occupied. *Burrageville* and *Factory Village* appear to have had little done for them. — A *lay-preacher* has been laboring with the little church in *North Ashburnham*, with good results. If there were more of these helpers, the outposts could be better cared for. — The church at *Hubbardston* has done much toward keeping up regular preaching in the school-houses of the town, with encouraging results. — Several attempts have been made by the church at *North Orange* to occupy an important outpost called *Furnace Village*, but without success. — The church at *Petersham* has maintained a Branch Sunday-school in an out-district, and preaching services in others. — In *Phillipston*, also, the pastor has made many calls and held many meetings, in similar localities. The attendance has been good, the smallest numbering 25; the largest, 120; and the average being 48, — one half of the whole neglecters. This would appear to be the best record of the kind furnished by any church of the Conference.

From *Petersham* a *revival* is reported, resulting in 19 hopeful conversions.

WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 14; pastors, 9; stated preachers, 2; churches vacant, 2; church aided, 1.

Revivals. "Seasons of religious quickening" have been enjoyed at *Sutton*, *Westborough*, *Whitinsville*, and *Upton*.

Young Men's Christian Associations are in operation in *East Douglas*, *Grafton*, *Whitinsville*, *Upton*, *Uxbridge*, *Webster*, *Westborough*, and

Millbury. They appear to work in harmony with the churches and their pastors.

The *Sunday-school* work deepens in its hold upon the conscience of the people, and is much promoted by the semi-annual conventions.

"Most of the churches are in a reliably firm condition; but of that earnestness of the Christian life which is at once the condition and pledge of aggressive and successful labor, they have less than they could wish."

MENDON CONFERENCE.*

Number of churches, 12; pastors, 6; stated preachers, 4; churches vacant, 2; churches aided, 2.

"The self-supporting churches of this Conference are among the stronger and more prosperous churches in the State. The two which are dependent occupy important fields, and could not be spared from their places without serious loss to the whole. They are making commendable effort for themselves, and should not be left to suffer for the lack of substantial sympathy, from the stronger. As a whole, it is believed that these twelve churches are as prosperous as any to be found elsewhere."

"Several, during the year, have either built new houses of worship or essentially repaired the old. As a general rule, they gather full congregations on the Sabbath. The pastors are well paid. The cause of Benevolence receives liberal support. The cause of Temperance is appreciated and loved, and is a power in the community. The Sabbath is honored, though desecrated not a little by pleasure parties and railroad travel. The out-districts are looked after, and the gospel carried to them, to no little extent — though the number of neglecters is yet numerous, and in those manufacturing neighborhoods where foreigners are employed is probably on the increase."

"There have been no revivals during the year, but additions have been made to most of these churches; and where the interest has not been 'special,' it yet has been pleasant and abiding. The gospel has been preached to the gathered assembly, and also from door to door. The young have been trained in the way they should go. The people have grown in knowledge and in grace."

THE HOME EVANGELIZATION WORK.

The present time seems appropriate for a brief review of the Home Evangelization movement in this State.

This movement commenced upon the organization of the "General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts," in 1860, the first committee having been appointed by that body at its first meeting. For four years this committee did what it could to arouse the churches to the necessity of more thorough organization for local work; but in 1864 acknowledged their failure, and recommended the employment of a man

* Received too late for insertion in its place.

who should give his whole time to this matter. "He is needed," they said, "to attend the State and Local Conferences and Clerical Associations, and other Christian Conventions, and to visit pastors and churches, to talk and preach and organize, in the interest of this enterprise." The Conference approved their recommendations. Acting under its instructions, the committee requested the present Secretary of Home Evangelization to accept the office. As for many years he had been greatly interested in the views which were actuating this movement, he very readily assented to their proposal, and entered upon the work in January, 1865.

We suppose that the correctness of the general policy adopted by this committee has not been called in question. And yet there are probably many persons whose attention has failed to be so directed to this policy as to secure them a clear perception of the reasons for it. But a recognition of these reasons is important to a correct appreciation of the movement.

Why, then, we ask, did not this committee instruct the Secretary to engage in direct missionary labor? Or, why did he not cooperate with some of the "Associations" for promoting Christian work? Because, however useful his labors might have been in any of these directions, they would yet have served to call off attention from the true cause of all the difficulty. For, what was this cause? How had it come to pass that so many neglecters were unreached? Manifestly, it is not enough to say, that there was a lack of individual enthusiasm for Christian work, — a low state of religion. The churches had *neglected their duty;* and this neglect is traceable to a *lack of right ideas concerning the church and of interest in its work.*

But why this lack of ideas and enthusiasm? The answer to this question involves facts of the utmost significance. — Because, for generations, the teachings of the pulpit respecting the church had been meagre; because ministers had taken little thought concerning the organization of their churches into societies of workers; because the Theological Seminaries never had an inkling of any such idea or aim; because, in the great reaction against Romish errors, a spirit of individualism took such possession of the minds of men, that the *Doctrine of the Church* failed of a perfect reformation, and the image of the Christian Society, ordained of God, the world's great need and end, was not grasped; because no large body of believers have ever held this image clearly in view; because, in fine, this thought comes up in our day, *for the first time complete,* the slowly ripened product of nearly nineteen hundred years of Christian warfare and experience, — the conception of the church as a household and a working band, the heavenly society and the heavenly army on earth, — wherein believers are so united that they are members one of another not only in fellowship but also in aggressive Christian labor. The churches of the past did not carry out this conception, because they did not possess it. They did not, as churches, undertake to carry the gospel to all out-districts and all neglecters, because they regarded this to be the duty of ministers, and other *individuals.* By individuals, accordingly, this work has often been attempted; and from the necessity of the case has been unsystematic, inconstant, and incomplete, — in too great a measure, a failure; and a failure it

must continue, until a more complete doctrine rules in the pulpit and lives in the hearts of believers.

It was clearly the duty of the Secretary, therefore, *carefully to avoid* doing any of the work which properly belonged to the churches, but to leave it in all its weight resting upon them; and to give his time to magnifying, to their just proportions, the dignity and responsibility of the churches of Jesus Christ, pressing upon their attention not only these general views, but also the particular ways in which the local church can become a household of believers and an organized band of workers.

Exactly this he has endeavored to do. But it is no more than just that the intrinsic difficulties of this "Home Evangelization" movement should be recognized.

First. The churches are independent. While every believer has a right to offer suggestions to any other, nevertheless it is one thing to plead with church or pastor some great cause of benevolence, and quite another to approach either with reference to a modification of their modes of working.

But secondly. If the true conception of a working church had been missed, in a too exclusive contemplation of mere individual duty, it could not be otherwise than that many able ministers and faithful churches would be slow to admit the new views. People do not readily alter their fundamental and governing ideas. And the churches are not to be hurried. You must wait patiently until they are ready to act from their own independent thought. If your ideas are right, indeed, the coming of the morrow's sun is not more sure than their final acceptance. But it may be slow.

Thirdly. It ought not to be forgotten that our Conferences of Churches are, in general, mere occasions for conferring, not for debate with a view to action. Hence a serious difficulty. The Home Evangelizaton movement aims at definite measures. But the brethren have come together for the purpose of enjoying a spiritual, intellectual, and social feast. They are not in the mood for grappling with the hardest of all practical problems. Very likely some of them will assent to all that you propose, merely to be rid of you; and with too many, that empty vote is the end of the whole matter.

These facts suggest some of the difficulties with which the committee must needs contend. But the greatest is to be found,

Fourthly, In the nature of the work itself. To bring the stream of the water of life within easy reach of all the people, requires little additional labor in Massachusetts; but so to commend these waters to their lips that they shall drink, is more difficult. Could we wonder if some of the churches were, at first, to call in question the value of even the wisest measures, though bearing the fullest indorsement of this Association? Such doubt is certain beforehand. We now ask attention to a brief review of *two measures* proposed by this committee for general adoption.

This problem, of popular christianization, the churches have been working at for about nineteen centuries. Our own ministers and churches have never forgotten it for a day. Manifestly no "committee" was going to undertake to furnish the wisdom that is to carry on the ever diversified

process of its solution; and yet it was equally manifest that the wisdom of the churches, *as at present applied*, was failing to solve it. It became clearly the duty, therefore, of your committee, to secure, if practicable, the *adoption of such usages, on the part of the churches, as should result in a more close and constant study of this whole matter, by the pastors, by many church members, by the churches, and by the Conferences.*

This they have attempted. They have requested every church, *first*, to define, once for all, or else annually, as it may think best, its own work; and, *secondly*, to set apart one of its regular prayer-meetings in every month, to consultation and prayer in regard to this work. They have, likewise, obtained the appointment of Committees on Home Evangelization in the Local Conferences, which bring up the subject for regular discussion there.

These measures are of vital importance. Consider their significance and effect, *if earnestly adopted.*

1. In thus earnestly defining its "parish," the church practically adopts the principle of church responsibility for communities, and lays aside the principle — so long dominant — of ministerial responsibility.

2. By defining its work, it makes the details of that work clearer; both increases the general feeling of responsibility, and also comes to see certain particular results as achievable in certain particular ways, — certain duties as appropriately falling to certain of its members.

3. By meeting regularly once a month, it *associates its members* in considering and in carrying on this work, and becomes a "working society."

4. It makes this study practical, since the study is associated with active efforts; and prayerful, for this is a meeting for prayer.

5. It fastens the attention of the minister upon the work of the church. There may be changes in the pastorate; but before any new comer has been a month in his place, his attention is drawn to this matter. He may be lacking in practical interest or skill, a mere scholar or an orator. It matters not, he must face the facts. The "Home Concert," earnestly worked, makes it impossible for either pastor or church to forget any family of the parish or any important undertaking.

6. It affords an opportunity for the pastor to follow up his sermons on Christian fellowship or activity, with those more detailed suggestions which are necessary to make the sermons effective; and almost obliges him to do so.

7. These two measures tend to make the preaching of the pastor more definite and more vital.

Finally, In these measures we have the *only way* in which the whole wisdom of the local church and its whole force can be permanently concentrated upon its work.

This work must remain undone and impossible, unless this wisdom and force are concentrated upon it.

The measures are simple and flexible, and can be adopted by all the churches.

Adopted by all, they *unite all* — with the help of the Conferences and their committees — in permanent Christian work.

This seems very clear, and very easy, perhaps, on paper. But how can it be accomplished? In the nature of the case, it is no easy matter to get five hundred churches to unite in anything requiring the independent activity of each one of them.

In order, therefore, to render this union as easy and as certain as possible, a *question* was put into the blank for returns, which could not be answered unless some steps had actually been taken toward the definition of a "parish." The inquiry was this: "*How many families do you reckon in your parish?*" And the term "parish" was defined as including, besides the regular congregation, *all neglecters* whom the church distinctly knows and recognizes as within its responsibility.

Upon the briefest reflection it becomes apparent,

1. That this is not an unusual inquiry.

2. That it differs from the one continually on the lips of ministers, only as it *includes the neglecters.*

3. That these neglecters cannot be lost sight of, if the churches propose to reach them.

4. That God holds the churches accountable for all persons properly within their reach. He puts the question to every pastor.

5. If any pastors or churches are ever in danger of overlooking any who are placed by God under their care, it is a service of brotherly kindness, on the part of this Association, to put them in the way of a *self-reminder* of such possible omission.

6. Such an inquiry is a duty which we owe also to the neglecters themselves.

7. It is a notorious fact that multitudes of persons, really within reach of the churches, and properly, therefore, under their care, are overlooked.

8. If only one such family, on an average, were discovered by each church, it would add 2000 souls to those whom they acknowledge themselves bound to reach. If, during the coming fall, ten such families were found, then for the rest of the year the churches would be watchfully intent upon 20,000 souls for whom they are now doing little or nothing.

9. The very investigation required by this question helps to awaken interest and activity in the churches.

10. *It is impossible* for the churches to systematize their work, to do their work thoroughly, or even to study it carefully, unless they possess the information here sought.

There is no sense in the "church principle" which lies at the bottom of our movement for Home Evangelization, if this question is improper or unimportant. And, if this principle were given up, then the sooner we substitute other societies in place of our churches, the better.

Finally, starting upon this basis, simple as it is, it is possible to secure for our Protestantism and Puritanism an organization founded on its own scriptural principles, minute, comprehensive and powerful enough, through the blessing of God, to cope with the forces of Romanism, and with the

omnipresent infidelity and depravity. Without the constancy and the unity which can only be had in these ways, we are sure to fail. Other soldiers, consenting to the better discipline, will win our battle.

To some, these measures have seemed insignificant. In reality, they involve a revolution in the methods of our churches and in the spirit which has prevailed in them for generations, and necessitate a vast amount of hard thought and hard work, on the part of both pastor and church. *And a revolution in our church methods is necessary.* Our fathers had definite parishes. Every minister knew all his families, and kept watch over them. He was acquainted with every individual, gave personal instruction to the young, and often to others. There were no persons outside of religious connection. Communities were stable; pastorates were permanent; people were acquainted; few parishes contained strangers; not a soul was overlooked; according to the ideas of the time, everybody was directly and statedly reached with the influences of the gospel.

But great changes have taken place. There has been a vast immigration from abroad, and vast migrations within. Multitudes are not living in the places of their birth, and are continually removing. The old parish lines have disappeared. The very idea of a parish has grown so indistinct that it has to be explained. People are slow to see the possibility of marking off a distinct sphere of responsibility for each church. The habit of exercising a minute watch and care over families and individuals, had long ago almost ceased. Churches had come to do their work by wholesale, through revivals; and this work was often not so much an education and nurture, as a series of spiritual *raids*, — exciting, exhausting, and followed by long seasons of a peculiarly sluggish inactivity. Ministers had dwindled to preachers — ceasing to be bishops.

The evil consequences are seen in a neglect of many of the families scattered along the borders, and of some of the out-districts; in the growth of masses of neglecters in towns and villages; in a lack of the systematic spiritual nurture of congregations, and even of church members; in a diminution of theological knowledge and interest among the body of our population, and even among religious people; while the increased lay activity, abounding in zeal, is often lacking in sagacity, system and dignity; and methods of labor and forms of pious character show an unnecessary crudity; until it has become perfectly clear that the churches will never conquer the world, while adhering to methods so lacking in minuteness and completeness. Churches must not only furnish sermons in sanctuaries; they must labor with individuals. They must not only do this during revivals; they must keep doing it, all the time. They must not only be faithful to those who willingly come to hear, but must know all and reach all. In a word, we must restore the *parish system;* and with it, the habit of steadfast watchfulness over all families and individuals. This, conjoined with the improved methods of teaching, and the greater variety in modes of approach and of influence, characteristic of our times, may be expected, under the blessing of God, always waiting for us, to work out joyful results.

But in what does the "parish system" begin? In the definition of the parish, and a list of its families.

And now, let us lift up our eyes to a not impossible future. Let us venture to suppose that every Congregational church in Massachusetts knows, from the beginning of the year, among what families it proposes to labor. Once a month it meets expressly to pray and to take counsel in behalf of this its work; and hence, in all the prayer-meetings and in all closets, this great theme has been remembered much more earnestly and constantly than before. Year after year has been adding to the number of neglecters accepted under its care, and also to the number won over to the sanctuary and to the Lord; until at last we can almost say that none are overlooked,—that there is not one family in the Commonwealth whose name is not on the book of some church, and whose threshold is unblessed by the feet of its visitors.

As a result of these thoughtful and constant labors, revivals have been more frequent, and have not usually been followed by seasons of reaction and coldness; but instead have heightened the every-day life of the churches; the number of active Christians has increased; whose patient continuance in well-doing has added to the stability of the churches, to their repute and their influence; the name of Jesus is honored; the kingdom of heaven is rising like the light of morning upon the land.

Is this an impossible future? Need it be so very remote? Certainly, those who believe in a present Saviour and in the continual gift of the Holy Ghost should not be faithless of early results, even so great as these.

By vote of the State Committee on Home Evangelization.

DANIEL P. NOYES, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

STATE COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

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Worcester South "	Rev. JOHN H. WINDSOR.*

*Appointed to fill vacancy.

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[The Committee have elected Hon. WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, Chairman; Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D. D., Vice Chairman; and Rev. DANIEL P. NOYES, Secretary.]

PARISH STATISTICS.

We publish the following returns from three of the Conferences, simply as examples of the statistics requested of the churches, illustrative of their significance, and as a demonstration of the possibility of furnishing them. The returns of *Families and Individuals* are given only in summaries.

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

Whole number of churches, 22.

Seventeen churches report 1949 families. Average, 115.

Fifteen churches report 1544 families. Average, 103.
Fifteen churches report 1261 church-going families. Average, 84.
Fifteen churches report 283 neglecting families. Average, 19.

Fourteen churches report 6002 parishioners. Average, 436.

Eight churches report 3337 parishioners. Average 417.
Eight churches report 2521 church-going parishioners. Average, 315.
Eight churches report 816 neglecting parishioners. Average, 102.

Seven churches report 197 neglecters brought to church. Average, 28.

One church reports 100 neglecters brought to Sunday-school.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.

Whole number of churches, 19.

Eighteen churches report 2111 families. Average, 117.

Seventeen churches report 2047 families. Average, 120.
Seventeen churches report 1687 church-going families. Average, 99.
Seventeen churches report 360 neglecting families. Average, 21.

Ten churches report 4995 parishioners. Average, 500.

Seven churches report 3232 parishioners, Average, 462.
Seven churches report 2749 church-going parishioners. Average, 393.
Seven churches report 483 neglecting parishioners. Average, 69.

Two churches report 33 neglecters brought to church or Sunday-school. Average, 17.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.

Whole number of churches, 17.

Sixteen churches report 1768 families. Average, 110.

Twelve churches report 1186 families. Average, 99.
Twelve churches report 1090 church-going families. Average, 91.
Twelve churches report 96 neglecting families. Average, 8.

Eleven churches report 4470 parishioners. Average, 406.

Nine churches report 3533 parishioners. Average, 393.
Nine churches report 3125 church-going parishioners. Average, 347.
Nine churches report 408 neglecting parishioners. Average, 45.

Five churches report 43 persons brought to church or Sunday-school. Average, 8.

I. ANDOVER CONFERENCE.*

CHURCHES.	PARISH EXPENSES.			CHARITIES.							
PLACE AND NAME.	Salary of Pastor.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Chris'n Education.	Chris'n Publication.	Other Objects.	Total Charities.
Andover, South,	$1,800.00	$1,082.46	$2,882.46	$1,776.72		$920.17	$113.75	$305.00	$45.00	$2,414.44	$5,575.08
" West,	† 1,200.00	500.00	1,900.00	770.00	$25 58	152.91	75.00		58.89	2,650.00	3,762.38
" Free Christian,	1,800 00	3,221.81	5,021.81	483.07	58.52	141.00		100.00	16.00	‡ 41,586.00	42,570.59
" Union, Ballard Vale,	500.00	70.00	570.00	30.00		50.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	66.02	162.02
" Theological Seminary,											
Chelmsford, Second, North,				72.00		70.47			11.00		153.47
Dracut, First,	575.00	190.00	765.00	25.00	10.63	13.00					48.60
" West,	1,500.00	300 00	1,800.00								250.00
" Centre,	700.00	50.00	750.00								
Lawrence, Lawrence Street,	2,400 00	1,841 01	4,241.01	521.25		456.26	100.00	100.00		1,598.31	2,775.82
" Central,	2,500.00	1,200.00	3,700.00	374 18		86.00			18.59	1,080.73	1,559.50
" Eliot,	2,500.00	16,593.22	19,093.22	223.12		75 00	18.77			547.36	864.25
" South,	1,500 00	296.00	1,796.00	40.50	20.00	16.50				48.50	125.50
" Free,	600 00	1,296 59	1,896.59	15.00						8.50	23 50
Lowell, First,	2,500.00			100.00	25.58	111.27				232.66	469.51
" Appleton Street,	2,000.00	648.58	2,648.58	56.64		55.15			26.26	549.75	687.80
" John Street,	2,500.00	6,240 00	8,740.00	121.12		209.70		366.00	57.88	1,500.00	2,254.68
" Kirk Street,	3,000.00	3,191.83	6,191.83	844.84		774.97		201.00		839.75	2,660.46
" High Street,	2,000.00	1,777.65	3,777.65	291.60		18 44	95.18		63.80	32.52	501.54
Methuen, First Parish,	1,500.00	932 88	2,432.88	257.50		434.37	10.00	83.41	10.00	297.00	1,093.28
North Andover,	1,500.00	1,520.72	3,020.72	216.93	38.67	151.12	23.13	16.42	33.00	184.15	663.42
Tewksbury,	1,200.00	204 00	1,404.00	320.00		30.00		35.00		131.00	516 00
Tyngsborough,	1,000 00	148 50	1,148.50	9.00	12.58	29.48				19.92	70.98
Totals	$34,775 00	$41,305.25	$76,080.25	$6,548.47	$191.56	$3,795.81	$439.83	$1,210.83	$348.40	$53,786.61	$66,788.38

Grand total, $142,868.63.

* This Table is given in condensed form, as published by the Conference. † And Parsonage. ‡ To Memorial Hall, $40,000.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.

PARISH EXPENSES. I.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.
Amherst, First,	$2,700.00	$6,500.00	$9,200.00
" North,	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Belchertown,	1,300.00	875.00	2,175.00
Enfield,	1,200.00	1,047 00	2,247 00
Granby,	1,200.00	250 00	1,450.00
Hadley, First	1,000.00	1,100.00	2,100.00
" Second,	1,000.00	600.00	1,600.00
" Russell,	900.00	350.00	1,250.00
Hatfield,	1,800.00	2,300.00	4,100.00
Leverett	780.00		
Packardville,	500.00	120.00	620.00
South Hadley,	1,500.00		
South Hadley Falls,	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Totals,	$16,880.00	$14,142.00	$27,742.00

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.*

PUBLIC CHARITIES. II.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Society.	Sunday School Cause.	Tract Society.	Am. Mis. Asso.	A. & F. Chris. Union.	Sea. Friend Soc.	Con. Union.	Educa. Society	Tem. Cause.	Miscellaneous.	Amt. con. by this church.	Av. to each Ch. Mem.
Amherst, First,	$103.02	$283.66				$50.72		$39.27				$1,437.52	$1,914.19	$4.93
" Second,														
" College,	293.10	431.80	$61.55		$56.80	101.55	$10.55	86.55		$191.30		113.30	1,346.50	19.23
" North,	105.00	74.55				54.00		66.25			$23.00	154.17	477.00	1.99
" South,	79.00	104.00		$10.00		85.00				7.00			285.00	2.43
Belchertown,	149.87	52.00		117.57		82.00				36.49		84.00	521.93	1.67
Enfield,	485.00	400.00				240.00						204.71	1,389.71	5.43
Granby,	191.50	289.34		66.77	11.50	164.34		20.50				129.01	872.96	4.30
Greenwich,	81.00	131.60				28.00						150.00	390.60	2.80
Hadley, First,	122.80	103 61	13.91	36.13	13.92	23.65			$11.32			41.18	366.52	2.46
" Second,	17.00	41.00	20.00			23.00	22.00	20.00				163.60	306.60	3.30
" Russell,	41.55	202.48	12.10	115.65		43.00				90.00		249.53	754.31	7.39
Hatfield,	511.64	313.00	75.75	144.51		124.57	00.26	93.78	52.70	49.00		700.00	2,125.21	8.27
Leverett,	29.37	6.00										11.00	46.37	47
Packardville Un. Con. ch.,	4.00												4.00	17
Pelham,														
Prescott,	20 00	15.00				10 00						4.00	49.00	1.08
South Hadley,	118.00	247.67			18.00	284.00				34.00		183.06	904.63	2.66
South Hadley Falls,	73.00	147.00		8.62		228 58		44.25				120.00	621.45	3.79
Whately,		82.27	10.00			11.78	5.86	7.72		8.56		68.81	195.00	1.35
Totals,	$2.424.85	$2,824.98	$173.31	$499.25	$100.22	$1,554.19	$98.67	$378 32	$64.02	$416.35	$23.00	$3,875.89	$12,566.98	

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MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.*

PARISH EXPENSES. I.

For details of Public Charities see next page, where, for want of room, churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with their numbers on this page.

	NUMBER AND NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
1	Acton,	† $959.00	$545.12	$1,504.12	$407.67	$1,911.79
2	Ashby,	1,050.00	450.00	1,500.00	543.77	2,043.77
3	Ayer,	1,200.00	275.00	1,475.00	62.40	1,547.40
4	Boxborough,	800.00	100.00	900 00	67.87	967.87
5	Dunstable,	700.00	100.00	800.00	540.71	1,340.71
6	Fitchburg, Calvinistic,	2,000.00	‡ 13,775.00	15,775.00	1,783.72	17,558.72
7	" Rollston,	2,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	1,015.76	7,015.76
8	Groton,	1,800.00	1,050.00	2,850.00	1,462.18	4,312.18
9	Harvard,	1,000.00	400.00	1,400.00	573.60	1,913.60
10	Lancaster,	1,200.00	295.46	1,495.46	676.38	2,171.84
11	Leominster,	1,400.00	1,100.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	4,500.00
12	Littleton,	600.00	50.00	650.00	566.62	1,216 62
13	Lunenburg,	1,000.00	5,200 00	6,200.00	131.85	6,436 60
14	Pepperell,	1,200.00	240.00	1,440.00	938.62	2,378.62
15	Shirley,	§ 700.00	110 00	810.00	75.00	885.00
16	Townsend,	1,000.00	414.71	1,414.71	609.51	2,024.22
17	Westford,	800.00	150.00	950.00	134.64	1,084.64
	Total,	$19,409 00	$28,255.29	$47,664.29		

* In these Tables of the Middlesex Union Conference, the form of the blank issued by the Committee is followed as closely as the limits of the page allow.

† Supplies for a part of the year. Regular salary, $1,000. ‡ For repairs, $12,000. § Besides parsonage.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.

PUBLIC CHARITIES. II.

Churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with numbers on preceding page.

No. of Ch.	HOME MISSIONS.					Amer. Cong. Union.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Seamen's Fr. Soc.	CHRISTIAN EDUCA'N.				CHRISTIAN PUBLICA'N.				Miscellaneons.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. S.	Freedmen.	Local.	Other.		Am. Board.	Spec'l Work.	Other.		Theo. Sem.	A. Ed. Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Other.	Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	Other.	
1	$37.50	$100.17				$3.50	$20.00			$3.00		$13.00		$11.50		$6 25	$1.25	$29.50	$182.00
2	66.80	76.88	$40.00		$100.00	4.75	42.56	$18.12		27.66		22.35	$1.75		$23.85	10.70	8.60	33.00	58.75
3							43.91			10.11							8.38		
4	20.00	13.00					4.25			30.62									
5	58.10	1.00					364.25			99.61		2.50			2.50	10.00	2.75		
6	446.90	137.20					544.20	108.00		112.15		65.40				119.15	44.42	103.30	103.00
7	512.00	153.16			84.56		140.00			36.02		26.52		14.00	17.00		32.50		
8	308.65	206.29			94.00	37.00	203.00	78.50		82.53					48.42		34.20		369.59
9	96.41	133.34				25.16	118.11			49.32		40.60				32.80			77.80
10	102.39		36.00		140.00		266.20		$31.79		$100.00								
11	466.83	152.20				30.00	600.00			111.00		20.00				62.00	105.76		
12	80.54	38.63	10.00		85.00	17.94	176.72		20.00	16.69		31.12			25.26	11.70	12.77		40.25
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CHURCH WORK.

METHODS IN ACTUAL USE.*

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMAGE, PLYMOUTH.

This church has published for the benefit of its members a circular, of six pages, giving its "System of Christian Work" in five departments, together with the names of those who propose to share in the labor. The division is made as follows:

I. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL VISITATION.

Church, Society, Strangers.

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Rom. xii. 5.

II. DEPARTMENT OF SICK, AGED, AND AFFLICTED.

I was sick, and ye visited me. Matt. xxv. 36.

III. DEPARTMENT OF THE POOR.

For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good. Mark, xiv. 7.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

Gather the people together, men, women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God. Deut. xxxi. 12.

V. DEPARTMENT OF NEGLECTERS OF DIVINE WORSHIP.

Go out into the high ways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke, xiv. 23.

The town of Plymouth has been divided into *nine districts*, for the purpose of a systematic Christian visitation.

MONTEREY.

The "acting pastor" of this church has furnished one of the most complete *Annual Reports* returned this year. The following extract is valuable, as illustrating ways of working adapted to a very large number of the churches in the rural districts. Monterey is a mountain town in Southern Berkshire.

"At the annual meeting of the church, *a committee is chosen for each school district* in the parish. The duties of this committee are, to endeavor by visitation and personal conversation to promote the spiritual welfare of each one in their district; to gather in the children to the Sabbath-school; to report any case requiring discipline. Also to report in writing the number of inhabitants; the number of church members, and their denomination; the number of persons indulging a Christian hope but not communicants; how many do not attend church; how many children do not attend Sabbath-school, and why; together with any other facts of interest or importance."

"This committee has been chosen annually since 1855; and secures a pretty thorough visitation of the families in the parish, at least once in a year. But we have not been

*For a general scheme of Church Work, see Minutes for 1871, p. 58.

able to get written reports from every district in the town in any one year — as we could wish."

"This church is the only one in town; and its parish embraces the whole town, except a few families, and includes also some families in towns joining on the east."

"In one of the school districts are 13 families, — one of them Roman Catholic. In these families are 68 persons. Of these, only 13 are church members. *Ten* others indulge hope. There are 32 children, 20 of whom are in the Sunday-school. Every family of this district has been represented at church, on the Sabbath, during the year, by some member. *Eight* of these families may be called church-going families; the other *five* are irregular, — some member going if the weather is pleasant and all things favorable. *Two* families in the district were church-goers in 1871, who were total neglecters in 1870."

TOWNSEND.

The pastor of this church has addressed a Pastoral Letter to its members, accompanied with the following schedule of

WORKING COMMITTEES, FOR 1872.

1. *Com. on Relief of Sick, &c.* — To collect money for the sick, and attend to all cases requiring material aid. To visit the sick, act as nurses or night watchers, carry help and sympathy to all suffering.
2. *Attention to Strangers.* — To extend the hand of fellowship to all new-comers, bid them a cordial welcome to our sanctuary, Sabbath-school, prayer-meetings, and to our homes, and introduce them to the pastor and to church members.
3. *Temperance.* — To aid in its promotion in the church and in the community in every possible way.
4. *Sabbath-school.* — To labor for the promotion of its interests by introduction of new scholars, acting as teachers or otherwise.
5. *Missions.* — To promote interest in and love for missionary labor at home and abroad, by attending and actively laboring in the Monthly Concert, Woman's Board, or Juvenile Missionary Society, and in distribution of tracts and other religious reading.
6. *Prayer-Meetings.* — To take charge of and labor in the weekly church prayer-meeting and in neighborhood meetings.

BRADFORD.

This church has published a circular for distribution, giving the names of the pastor, deacons, and standing committee; the various religious and social meetings; the appointments of the Sabbath-school; and the following additional committees:

1. THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT NEW FAMILIES.
2. THE COMMITTEE TO WELCOME STRANGERS AT THE CHURCH.
3. THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE PEWS — for persons wishing them.
4. THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE SICK AND NEEDY.
5. THE COMMITTEE ON SINGING IN SOCIAL MEETINGS.
6. THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARISH.

A statement is also made respecting the times and objects of *collections;* and concerning the LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY, which meets once in two weeks.

The church maintains a *Branch Sunday-school* numbering 140 scholars, with an average attendance of 100, in good working order, and furnished with library, organ, etc.

Neighborhood meetings are regularly sustained by members of the church, the Standing Committee making the appointments.

The Standing Committee likewise make appointments for the *Monthly Concert*, printed on slips of paper. The following are examples:

FIRST CHURCH, BRADFORD.

Concert of Prager for the Conversion of the World. Feb. 4th.

1. What can this church do that is not now done?.....*G*—— *C*——.
2. Missionary Intelligence—Southern Asia.. .....*H. C*——.
3. " " Foochow. .....*N*—— *H*——.
4. " " Madura.....*D*——*N. P*——.
5. " " North China.....*H. P. M*——.
6. " " Micronesia..... .....*W*—— *H*——.
7. " " N. A. Indians.....*W*—— *C*——.
8. " " Work for Freedmen.....*G. K. N*——.
9. " " Work of Tract Societies.....*J. G*——.
10. " " Spain and Italy.....*J. L. S*——.
11. Progress of Religion among us.....*A. L. K*——.

Please to speak in this order. Occupy not more than five minutes. Fill the appointment or obtain a substitute.

If stormy weather the meeting will be omitted.

Concert of Prayer for the Conversion of the World. June 2d.

1. Missionary Intelligence—Foochow. ....*D*—— *H*——.
2. " " Southern Asia. .....*E. C. K*——.
3. " " Seamen. ....*F. H. T*——.
4. Bible Work.....*A*—— *H*——.
5. Influence of Sabbath-schools.....*W*—— *O*——.
6. Need of prayer for Missions. .....*H. M. T*——.
7. Need of money " " .....*D*—— *D*——.
8. Need of men " " .....*J. B. T*——.
9. Home Missions.....*I. G*——.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NATICK, MASS.—CHURCH WORK FOR 1872.

Name.....

Address.....

MY DEAR BROTHER,—You are affectionately and earnestly requested prayerfully to consider this circular, and before the Lord to determine what, in your circumstances, with God's help, you will endeavor to do.

It is not expected that any one member will work in all departments. Put a mark (X) in those blanks which indicate what you are able and willing to do. And if you have a preference for one department over another, please state it in the appropriate blank.

One thing we can all do. Pray daily for the church and pastor; and also select one or more individuals who are yet unconverted, and pray for them daily by name. Will you do this?

Will you aid in

THE DEVOTIONAL DEPARTMENT —

By attendance (this alone is a great help.)
By praying, speaking, or repeating verses.
By singing.
In the prayer-meeting.
In the Bible class.
In the Mother's meeting and Ladies' prayer-meeting.
And by family prayer at home.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

By your presence.
By teaching a class regularly.
By teaching a class occasionally.
In other ways.

THE STRANGER'S AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENT.

By endeavoring at the Sabbath services, prayer-meetings, social receptions, and other meetings, to welcome strangers and to make everybody feel at home.

By giving one afternoon or evening a month to calling, visiting, especially new families and the more retiring members of the congregation.

By endeavoring to see that in your neighborhood every family and person not attending elsewhere, is invited and welcomed to church and Sabbath-school, either to ours or to any other they may prefer.

By distributing religious reading.

THE RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

By taking part in the Ladies' Sewing Circle.
By visiting the sick, when acceptable.
By sending flowers and delicacies to the sick room.
By watching with the sick.
By friendly calls on the poor.
By supplying needed aid.

It is requested that you mark both these circulars, and keeping one as a memorandum for yourself, send the other to your pastor, not to be made public, but in order to systematize and develop the working power of the church.

WAKEFIELD.

The Pastoral Letter addressed to this church presents the following scheme of work.

I. CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION.

(a.) At home.
(b.) In the Sabbath-school.
The superintendent has abundant work for new teachers, as well as places for new scholars.

II. RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

(a.) The Weekly Prayer-meeting.
Every Christian *needs* one meeting in the week. Bear in mind that "to attend is to assist."

(b.) Neighborhood meetings.
The pastor will appoint them wherever they are desired, and generally attend them.

(c.) The Monthly Concert.
This is in charge of laymen, and volunteers for the service are desired.

III. SOCIAL ATTENTIONS.

(a.) To the more retired members of the congregation.
(b.) To new residents of the town.
(c.) To strangers visiting our church.
The Christian spirit is genial, and every church should be made homelike to all within the reach of its influence.

IV. CHARITABLE RELIEF.

(a.) In caring for the sick.
By visiting, and sending kind messages, delicacies, and flowers.

(b.) In caring for the poor.
By friendly calls, orders left at the provision store, and aid in getting profitable employment.

(c.) In sustaining either of the three Sewing Circles, viz., The Ladies' Charitable Society, The Young Ladies Benevolent Association, or the Mission Helpers.

These are well organized and efficient societies, but would welcome new members.

V. SACRED MUSIC.

(a.) In the church choir.

(b.) In the voluntary choir.

Our effort to establish Congregational Singing needs for its complete success the aid of a supplementary choir, composed of many singers in the congregation, and meeting often for instruction and practice.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE.

(a.) Canvassing for Contributions.

(b.) Arranging for Social Gatherings.

(c.) Laboring in the cause of Temperance.

(d.) Removing, by personal attention, the small evils often referred to in the remark, "What is everybody's business is nobody's."

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LYNN.—DEPARTMENTS OF CHRISTIAN WORK.

A. THE SERVICE OF THE SICK.

"I was sick and ye visited me."

1. Visiting, when acceptable.
2. Preparing delicacies, sending flowers, &c., to the sick room.
3. Night watching, in turn with others.

The services of our band of watchers have been very valuable the past year.

B. THE MINISTRY TO THE POOR.

"He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord."

This includes friendly, not patronizing, visits; the relief of pressing need by timely gifts, and such other help as will encourage and aid to self-help. Every family in comfortable circumstances ought to charge itself with looking after at least one family or person among the pinched or destitute. Remember that it is neither wise nor generous to forbear aid till the moment of utter destitution and collapse.

C. CHARITABLE SEWING.

"And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun."

1. Aid in the Ladies' Sewing Society.
2. Aid in the Girls' Sewing School.
3. Supply of the Bureau of Clothing.

A Bureau of Clothing is to be kept under charge of a competent person at the chapel. Contributions of *serviceable garments of all kinds* are solicited. These will be carefully distributed to deserving applicants.

D. THE DEVOTIONAL WORK.

"Men ought always to pray."

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

1. Attendance at devotional meetings.
2. Leading in prayer.
3. Assistance in singing.
4. Ladies' prayer-meetings.

Attendance is great assistance. Singing is one of the best helps. A meeting where there is good devotional singing is never unprofitable. The Ladies' prayer-meeting cannot be neglected without detriment to the best interests of the church.

E. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

"Holding forth the Word of Life."
"Living Epistles."

1. Teaching in the Sabbath-school.
2. Speaking at devotional meetings.
3. Reporting information about Christian work in other places, or missionary movements.
4. Circulation of religious reading.

All these sections need special reinforcement. In Nos. 1 and 4 we want a *reserve corps* of substitutes, to fill occasional gaps. No. 2 is indolently thrown upon a few, to their own improvement, but the detriment of those that neglect to cultivate the gift. Attention to No. 3 would promote not only the interest of our meetings, but the success of our work. In all these ways let not that more private ministry of the word, in family and social intercourse, be forgotten, whose only record is on high.

F. THE SOCIAL SERVICE.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

1. Giving invitations to religious or social meetings.
2. Courtesies to strangers when present among us.
3. Visiting new members of the congregation.

The families of any neighborhood should feel a special responsibility of courtesy to other families of the congregation residing near them. Forget not to greet your fellow-worshippers at all meetings.

The spirit of true religion is warm and neighborly.

G. UNION WORK.

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

1. Cooperation with the Young Men's Christian Association. [Membership $2 a year.]
2. Cooperation with the Woman's Union for Christian Work. [Membership $1 a year.]
3. Cooperation with the Woman's Board of Missions through the "North Church Auxiliary." [Membership $1 a year.]
4. Temperance movements.

The good name of our church and the spirit of brotherly love together bid us join hands with those in other churches who ask our help in promoting any moral or religious interest of the community at large.

H. MISCELLANEOUS.

"Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost."

1. Aid in *occasional* canvassing for names or contributions.
2. Aid in the library, or in folding and stamping papers, &c.
3. General assistance at social entertainments.
4. Occasional visiting of the prayer-meetings of other churches, as an act of fellowship, and making report of the same.
5. Keeping the "Fragment Box" in the house, to gather loose bits of money, as a reserve for *special calls*.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BOSTON HIGHLANDS.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have *me* to do?" Acts, ix. 6.
"Go work to-day in my vineyard." Matt. xxi. 28.

DEPARTMENTS OF CHRISTIAN WORK.

1. Regular attendance at Sabbath service, A. M. and P. M.
2. Attendance at prayer-meetings.
3. Prayer, or speaking at devotional meetings.
4. Attendance at social gatherings.
5. Work in Sabbath-school, as teacher or scholar.

6. Efforts to increase the Sabbath-school.
7. Giving invitations to church and prayer-meetings.
8. Welcoming and introducing strangers.
9. Visiting neighbors and new-comers.
10. Ministering to the sick and needy.
11. Seeking opportunities to lead souls to Christ.
12. Special prayer, in private, for church, pastor, and *individual* friends.
13. Contributions of money, according to ability, to all gospel work.

MEASURES FOR PROMOTING CHURCH WORK.

The following resolutions were adopted in May, 1872, at a conference of the State Committee with pastors of churches in large towns.

MODES OF DEFINING PARISHES.

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this meeting, it is of the greatest importance that the churches of the State *define their parishes, after one of the following modes:*

(1.) A division of the whole town or city into permanent territorial districts, each church taking one.

(2.) An acceptance by each church, annually, of a certain district for the year; the same to be increased as the ability of the church grows.

(3.) A formal union of the several churches of the town, for Christian work, through a joint committee of pastors and others, reporting monthly to each church, — the whole town forming their common parish.

(4.) Poll parishes, — each church adding annually certain families of neglecters to those already numbered under its care — the whole making up its parish for the year.

THE HOME CONCERT.

Resolved, 2. That we strongly recommend the adoption of the *Home Concert* by all the churches of the State, as a means of keeping up a familiar acquaintance with the condition of all portions of their respective parishes and a permanent and growing activity.

THE ENLISTMENT CARD.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend the enlistment card, or its equivalent, as often a convenient method for assisting Christian people to find something to do.

THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

Resolved, 4. That the Fellowship meeting may not only be used for introducing the new members of our churches to the older ones, and for promoting a general Christian acquaintance, but also for familiar conversation respecting details of church work, and even for personal interviews with those who have begun to be religiously thoughtful.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to each church in our Conference to test by experiment some plan of labor which to them shall seem best calculated to develop and increase the spiritual efficiency of their church, and to report the results to our next Conference.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge aid to any church, (by preaching or otherwise,) that may request special service of the Committee.

Resolved, 3. That it is the opinion of this Conference that more effective measures should be adopted for the promotion of acquaintance and fellowship, in individual churches. In particular, this Conference recommends to the churches, that they hold a FELLOWSHIP MEETING during the week following the communion of the Lord's Supper, and that reports be made at the autumn Conference, of the success of this movement.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

The names of ministers officiating with the churches will be found in the tabular reports of the churches, in the several counties referred to in each Conference.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JUNE 8, 1859.

Churches:

Andover, South church, Essex Co.,
" West church, " "
" Free Christian church, " "
" Ballardvale, Union ch., " "
" Theolog. Seminary ch., " "
Chelmsford, 2d church, Middlesex Co.,
Dracut, 1st church, " "
" Pawtucket church, " "
" Central church, " "
Lawrence, Lawrence St. Cong. ch., Essex Co.,
" Central Cong. ch., " "
" Eliot Cong. church, " "
Lawrence, South Cong. ch., Essex Co.,
" Free Cong. church, " "
Lowell, 1st church, Middlesex Co.,
" Appleton Street ch., " "
" John Street church, " "
" Kirk Street church, " "
" High Street church, " "
Methuen, 1st church, Essex Co.,
North Andover, " "
Tewksbury, Middlesex Co.,
Tyngsborough, " —23.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in October. James G. Buttrick, Lowell, Secretary and Treasurer for three years. A Moderator is chosen at each meeting.

II. BARNSTABLE, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 28, 1828.

Churches, — all the churches in Barnstable and Nantucket counties. — 23.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday of June, and third Tuesday of December. Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, Scribe.

III. BERKSHIRE NORTH, ORGANIZED DECEMBER 3, 1867.

Churches, — all in Berkshire County, except Middlefield:

Adams, North,
" South,
Becket, North,
Dalton,
Hinsdale,
Lanesborough,
Middlefield, Hampshire Co.,
Peru,
Pittsfield, 1st church,
Pittsfield, 2d church,
" South church,
Richmond,
Washington,
Williamstown, 1st church,
" College church,
" 2d church, South,
Windsor. — 17.

The Union church at White Oaks, in Williamstown, also belongs to the Conference.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in May and November.

Rev. Charles E. Stebbins, South Adams, President; Rev. Charles Newman, Lanesborough, Secretary.

IV. Berkshire South, Organized September 4, 1860.

Churches, — all in Berkshire County:

Becket, Centre,
Egremont, South,
Great Barrington,
" " Housatonic,
Lee,
Lenox,
Monterey,
New Marlborough, First church,
" " Southfield,
New Marlborough, Mill River,
Otis,
Sandisfield,
Sheffield,
Stockbridge,
" Curtisville,
West Stockbridge,
" " Centre. — 17.

Conference holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November; its other meetings quarterly.

Rev. E. Cornelius Hooker, Stockbridge, Moderator; Marshall S. Bidwell, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe; the Moderator, Rev. George T. Dole, and Hon. Alexander Hyde, Executive Committee.

V. Brookfield Associational, Organized June 13, 1821.

Churches, — all in Worcester County, except those noted otherwise:

Barre,
Brimfield, Hampden Co.,
Brookfield,
Charlton,
Dana,
Dudley,
Hardwick,
" Gilbertville,
Holland, Hampden Co.,
New Braintree,
North Brookfield, 1st church,
North Brookfield, Union ch.,
Oakham,
Southbridge,
Spencer,
Sturbridge,
Ware, First church, Hampshire Co.,
" East, " "
Warren,
" West,
West Brookfield. — 21.

Conference meets annually on the second Tuesday in June, at 10 a. m.

Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe.

VI. Essex North, Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches, — all in Essex County:

Amesbury, West,
" Mills,
" and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch.,
Boxford, West,
Bradford, 1st church,
Georgetown, First church,
Groveland,
Haverhill, West Parish,
" East Parish,
" Centre,
" North church,
Ipswich, First church,
Ipswich and Rowley, Linebrook,
Newbury, 1st church,
" Byfield,
Newburyport, North church,
" Fourth church,
" Belleville,
" Whitefield church,
Rowley,
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,
West Newbury, First church,
" " Second church. — 23.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in May and October.

Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Bradford, Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches, — all in Essex County:

Beverly, Dane Street church,
" Washington Street church,
" North,
Boxford,
Danvers, Centre,
" Maple Street church,
Essex,
Georgetown, Memorial church,
Gloucester, Harbor,
" Lanesville,
" West,
Hamilton,
Ipswich, South church,
Lynn, First church,
" Central church,
" Chestnut Street church,
Lynn, North Congregational church,
Lynnfield, Centre,
" Second church,
Manchester, Orthodox church,
Marblehead, First church,
" Third church,
Middleton,
Peabody,
Rockport, First church,
Salem, Tabernacle church,
" South church,
Saugus,
Swampscott,
Topsfield,
Wenham. — 31.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in May, and second Wednesday in October.
Rev. Webster Patterson, Lynn, Clerk.

VIII. Franklin, Organized October 10, 1843.

Churches, — all the churches in Franklin County, except Heath, Leverett, New Salem, and North Orange. — 25.

Conference meets annually on the third Tuesday in September.
Rev. David Peck, Sunderland, President; R. H. Leavitt, East Charlemont, Vice-President; Rev. Edward Norton, Montague, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; —— ——, Statistical Secretary.

IX. Hampden, Organized December 4, 1850.

Churches, — all in Hampden County, except as mentioned:

Agawam, Feeding Hills,
" Congregational church,
Blandford,
Chester, Centre,
" Depot,
Chicopee, First church,
" Second church,
" Third church,
Granville, East,
" West,
Holyoke, First church,
" Second church,
Longmeadow,
" East,
Ludlow,
Monson,
Palmer, First church,
" Second church,
South Hadley, First church, Hampshire Co.,
Southwick,
Springfield, First church,
" Olivet church,
" South church,
" North church,
" Indian Orchard,
" Sanford Street church,
Tolland,
Westfield, First church,
" Second church,
West Springfield,
" " Mittineaque,
" " Park street,
Wilbraham,
" South. — 34.

Also:
Springfield, Memorial church (Union.)

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October.
Rev. Joshua T. Tucker, Chicopee, Moderator; Rev. John W. Harding, Longmeadow, Scribe.

X. Hampshire, Organized February , 1865.

Churches, — all in Hampshire County:

Chesterfield,
Cummington, East,
" West,
Easthampton, First church,
" Payson church,
Goshen,
Huntington, First church,
" Second church,
Northampton, First church,
Northampton, Edwards church,
" Florence church,
Plainfield,
Southampton,
Westhampton,
Williamsburg, First church,
" Haydenville,
Worthington. — 17.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April, and first Tuesday in November.
Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe.

XI. Hampshire East, Organized November 13, 1860.

Churches, — all in Hampshire County, except as below:

Amherst, First church,
" Second church, East street,
" Church of South,
" College church,
" North church, North,
Belchertown,
Enfield,
Granby,
Greenwich,
Hadley, First church,
" Second church,
" Russell church,
Hatfield,
Leverett, Franklin County.
Pelham, Packardville, Union church,
Prescott,
South Hadley,
" " Falls. — 18.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April, and on the third Tuesday in October.
George Montague, Amherst, Permanent Clerk.

XII. Mendon, Organized April 27, 1858.

Churches:

Foxborough, Norfolk County,
Franklin, North, " "
" South, " "
Mansfield, Bristol County,
Medfield, Norfolk County,
Medway, First church, East, " "
Medway, Second ch., West, Norfolk County,
" Village church, " "
Milford, Worcester County,
Norfolk, Norfolk County,
Walpole, " "
Wrentham, " " — 12.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday of April and October.
Anson Daniels, West Medway, Scribe and Treasurer.

XIII. Middlesex South, Organized August 20, 1828.

Churches:

Ashland, Middlesex County,
Concord, " "
Dover, Norfolk County,
Framingham, Plymouth ch., Middlesex Co.,
" Saxonville, " "
Holliston, " "
Hopkinton, " "
Lincoln, " "
Marlborough, " "
Maynard, Middlesex County,
Natick, " "
" South, " "
Needham, Wellesley, Norfolk County,
Sherborn, Middlesex County,
Southborough, Worcester County,
" Southville, " "
Sudbury, Middlesex County,
Wayland, " " — 18.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIV. Middlesex Union, Organized May 8, 1833.

Churches:

Acton, Middlesex County,
Ashby, " "
Ayer, " "
Boxborough, " "
Dunstable, " "
Fitchburg, Calvinistic ch., Worcester Co.,
" Rollstone ch., " "
Groton, Middlesex County,
Harvard, Worcester County,
Lancaster, Worcester County,
Leominster, " "
Littleton, Middlesex County,
Lunenburg, Worcester County,
Pepperell, Middlesex County,
Shirley, " "
Townsend, " "
Westford, " " —17.

Conference meets in April, and at Fitchburg October 16 and 17, 1872.
Rev. William J. Batt, Leominster, Moderator; Rev. Geo. H. Morss, Townsend, Secretary.

XV. Norfolk, Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches:

Abington, First church, Plymouth Co.,
" Second ch., South, " "
" Third ch., East, " "
" Fourth ch., North, " "
Braintree, First ch., Norfolk County,
" South church, " "
Bridgewater, Central Square ch.,—
Plymouth County,
Canton, Norfolk County,
Cohasset, Evan. church, " "
" Beechwood, " "
East Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Easton, Bristol County,
Hingham, Plymouth County,
Holbrook, Second church, Norfolk County,
" Winthrop church, " "
Milton, First church, " "
Milton, Second ch., Railway, Norfolk Co.,
North Bridgewater, First ch., Plymouth Co.,
" " South ch., Campello,—
Plymouth Co.,
" " Porter Ev. ch., " "
Quincy, Norfolk County,
Randolph, First church, " "
Sharon, " "
Stoughton, " "
Weymouth, First church, " "
" Second ch., South, " "
" Landing, " "
" Union ch., South, " "
" Pilgrim ch., North, " "
" East, " "
—30.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and last Tuesday in September.
Rev. George F. Stanton, South Weymouth, Scribe.

XVI. Old Colony, Organized September 23, 1856.

Churches:

Dartmouth, South, Bristol County,
Fairhaven, " "
Marion, Plymouth County,
Mattapoisett, " "
Middleborough, First ch., " "
" Central ch., " "
New Bedford, First church, Bristol County,
New Bedford, North ch., Bristol County,
" " Trin. church, " "
" " Pacific church, " "
Rochester, Centre, Plymouth County,
" North, " "
Wareham, " "
Westport, Bristol County.—14.

The churches on Martha's Vineyard, viz., Chilmark, Edgartown, and Tisbury, also group themselves with this Conference for representation.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. Hartford P. Leonard, Westport, Scribe.

XVII. Pilgrim, Organized April 27, 1830.

Churches, — all in Plymouth County:

Carver, North,
Duxbury, Wesleyan Cong. church,
Halifax,
Hanover, First church,
" Second church, Four Corners,
Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First church,
Marshfield, Second church, East,
Plymouth, Second church, South,
" Church of the Pilgrimage,
" Fourth church, Chiltonville,
" Fifth church, "
Plympton,
Scituate, North. — 15.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday (and Wednesday) in April and October.

Rev. William A. Fobes, Halifax, Moderator; Rev. A. Parke Burgess, Duxbury, Scribe and Treasurer.

XVIII. Suffolk North, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston, Chelsea, and Revere, in Suffolk County; the others in Middlesex County:

Arlington,
Boston, Old South church,
" Salem and Mariners' church,
" Maverick church, East,
" Mount Vernon church,
" Chambers Street church,
Cambridge, First church,
" Port, First church,
" East,
" North Avenue,
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim church,
Charlestown, First church,
" Winthrop church,
Chelsea, Winnisimmet church,
" Central church,
Everett,
Revere,
Somerville, First church, East,
" Broadway Orth. ch., Winter Hill,
Waltham. — 20.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in April and October.

John M. Pinkerton, Boston, Moderator; Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Chelsea, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIX. Suffolk South, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches:

Belmont, Waverley, Middlesex County,
Boston, Dorchester, Second ch., Suffolk Co.,
" Park Street church, " "
" Union church, " "
" South, Phillips church, " "
" Berkeley Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Village church, " "
" Highlands, Eliot church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Shawmut church, " "
" Highlands, Vine Street ch., " "
" Neponset, Trin. church, " "
" South, E Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Cottage St. ch., " "
" Highland church, " "
" Highlands, Walnut Av. ch., " "
Brighton, Middlesex County,
Brookline, Harvard ch., Norfolk Co.,
Dedham, First church, " "
Hyde Park, " "
Needham, Grantville, " "
Newton, First church, Middlesex Co.,
" Second church, " "
" Eliot church, " "
" Auburndale, " "
" North church, " "
" Central church, " "
Norwood, Norfolk County,
Watertown, Middlesex County,
West Roxbury, South Ev. ch., Norfolk Co.,
" " Jamaica Plain, " "
— 31.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in April and October.

Rev. Henry J. Patrick, West Newton, Secretary; J. Russell Bradford, Boston, Treasurer.

XX. Taunton and Vicinity, Organized October 2, 1849.

Churches, — all in Bristol County except as below:

Attleborough, East,
" West,
Berkley, First church,
" Trin. Congregational church,
Bridgewater, Scotland Parish, Plymouth Co.,
Dighton,
Fall River, First church,
" Central church,
Freetown, Assonet,
Lakeville, Plymouth County,
Middleborough, North, " "
Norton,
Raynham,
Rehoboth,
Seekonk,
Somerset,
Taunton, East,
" Trin. Cong. ch.,
" West,
" Winslow church,
" Union ch., Whittenton. — 21.

Conference meets annually on the Tuesday (and Wednesday) following the Bristol County Cattle Show.

Rev. Henry L. Edwards, North Middleborough, Chairman; Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., Taunton, Scribe.

XXI. Woburn, Organized December 5, 1849.

This is the second year in which persistent efforts to obtain reports from this Conference have failed.

The Conference is supposed to comprise the following churches: Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Lexington, Malden, the two in Medford, Melrose, North Reading, the two in Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and the two in Woburn. — 18.

XXII. Worcester Central, Organized April 28, 1852.

Churches, — all in Worcester County:

Auburn,
Berlin,
Boylston,
Clinton,
Holden,
Leicester,
Northborough,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Princeton,
Rutland,
Shrewsbury,
Sterling,
West Boylston,
Worcester, First church,
" Calvinist church,
" Union church,
" Salem Street church,
" Mission Chapel church,
" Plymouth church. — 20.

Conference meets on the Wednesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Wednesday following the third Monday in October.

Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Leicester, Scribe.

XXIII. Worcester North, Organized November 24, 1827.

Churches, — all in Worcester County, except as below:

Ashburnham, First church,
" Second church,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, Franklin County,
Orange, North, " "
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First church,
" Second church,
Templeton,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First church,
" North. — 15.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in June, and third Tuesday in October.

C. C. Bassett, Athol, Moderator; Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, Clerk.

XXIV. Worcester South, Organized June 17, 1828.

Churches, — all in Worcester County:

Blackstone,
Douglas,
" East,
Grafton,
" Saundersville,
Millbury, First church,
" Second church,
Northbridge,
" Whitinsville,
Sutton,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Westborough. — 14.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and October.

Rev. William T. Briggs, East Douglas, Secretary; Dea. William C. Capron, Uxbridge, Treasurer.

During the year, there has been no change in the number or names of the Conferences.

The following churches are not reported as connected with any Conference:

Essex County, — Crombie Street in Salem.
Franklin County, — Heath.
Hampden County, — Montgomery.
Hampshire County, — Pelham.
Norfolk County, — Evangelical church in Needham.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JULY 5, 1768.

[Not official. No report being received, the following is corrected from last year.]

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13.	1871,	Lowell.	Pastor.
Spencer F. Beard,	1829, Jan. 14.	1859, Jan.	Andover.	Retired.
Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20.	1870, Oct. 18.	West Dracut.	Pastor.
Benjamin F. Clark,	1839, Aug. 1.	1840, June 13.	N. Chelmsford.	W. C.
Leonard Z. Ferris,	1865, Nov. 30.	1870, June 7.	*Gorham, Me.*	Pastor.
Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug. 23.	1855, Dec. 11.	Lawrence.	"
Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11.	1853, Feb.	Lowell.	"
Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31.	1868, Feb. 11.	Methuen.	"
Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27.	1855, Dec. 11.	Ballardvale.	"
John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20.	1871, June 28.	Lowell.	A. P.
B. Franklin Hamilton,	1865, June 28.	1866, Apr. 10.	Boston Highlands.	Pastor.
Charles M. Mead,	1866, Aug. 10.	1867, Oct. 9.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26.	1856, June 9.	Andover.	Pastor.
William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13.	1867, Dec. 10.	Lawrence.	"
Moses Patten,	1860, June 7.	1860, Apr. 28.	Carlisle.	W. C.
Austin Phelps, D. D.,	1842, Mar. 30.	1866, Apr. 10.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
George Pierce, Jr.,	1863, Oct. 14.	1863, Dec. 8.	*Paterson, N. J.*	Pastor.
Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10.	1862, Apr. 8.	Andover.	"
Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3.	1857, Dec. 8.	Lowell.	"
John L. Taylor, D. D.,	1839, July 18.	1839, Oct. 1.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Richard Tolman,	1845, Sept. 17.	1852, Oct. 12.	*Hampton, Va.*	M. Pastor.
Rufus S. Underwood,	1867, Nov. 19.	1869, Apr. 28.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	Evangel't.
Albert Watson,	1871, June 27.	1871, June 28.		
George N. Webber, D. D.,	1855, Dec. 5.	1862, Oct. 14.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	Prof. Coll.

Licentiates.—No report. A year ago, fifty were under care.

TIMES OF MEETING.—First Tuesday in June, October, and December.
Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Lowell, Scribe.

II. BERKSHIRE NORTH, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Bascom,	1850, Dec.	1861, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.
Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6.	1872, Mar. 4.	Dalton.	Pastor.
Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6.	1872, June 3.	Pittsfield.	"
J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9.	1867, June 3.	Becket.	A. P.
Calvin Durfee, D. D.,	1828, Apr. 23.	1855, Nov. 5.	Williamstown.	
Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1867, Sept. 19.	1867, Dec. 2.	Hinsdale.	Pastor.
Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20.	1870, Dec. 12.	Peru.	"
Nathaniel H. Griffin,	1839, June.	1853, May 2.	Williamstown.	Teacher.
M. Hopkins, D. D., LL. D.,	1836, Sept. 15.	1853, May 2.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
W. H. Mc Gifferb,	1858,	1872, June 3.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
Sardis B. Morley,	1851, July 9.	1859, Oct. 31.	Pittsfield.	
Benjamin Ober,	1834, Jan. 1.	1872, June 3.	Windsor.	W. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	1863, Sept. 2.	1869, Sept. 6.	Middlefield.	Pastor.
Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27.	1872, Mar. 4.	North Adams.	"
Charles V. Spear,	1852, Oct.	1859, Apr. 25.	Pittsfield.	Teacher.
Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14.	1870, Dec. 12.	South Adams.	A. P.
Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 14.	1865, Sept. 4.	West Roxbury.	Pastor.
John Tatlock, LL. D.,	1852, Oct. 14.	1852, May 2.	Pittsfield.	Attorney.
John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 1.	1852, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Monday in March, June, September, and December.
Rev. Ephraim Flint, D. D., Hinsdale, Scribe and Treasurer.

III. BERKSHIRE SOUTH, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles F. Bradley,	1869, Aug. 18.	1868, Aug. 3.	South Lee.	A. P.
Josiah Brewer,	1826, May 10.	1863, Jan. 27.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
George T. Dole,	1842, Oct. 6.	1865, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	"
Nathaniel H. Eggleston,	1845, Feb. 19.	1861, Apr. 30.	*Enfield, Ct.*	A. P.
Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22.	1854, Apr. 17.	Lee.	Pastor.
Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23.	1870, May 2.	New Marlboro'.	"
Edward J. Giddings,	1857, Oct. 19.	1863, Jan. 27.	Housatonic.	W. C.
John Hartwell,	1859, Sept. 29.	1866, Jan. 30.	*Southbury, Ct.*	A. P.
Timothy A. Hazen,	1854, Oct. 11.	1863, July 28.	*Goshen, Ct.*	Pastor.
Edward W. Hooker, D. D.,	1821, Aug. 15.	1872, Jan. 29.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Elias C. Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11.	1870, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	Pastor.
Amos E. Lawrence,	1848, June 25.	1868, Apr. 27.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29.	1870, July 25.	Sheffield.	Pastor.
Charles C. C. Painter,	1863, Sept. 22.	1863, Oct. 27.	*Naugatuck, Ct.*	A. P.
Lewis Pennell,	1833, Sept. 17.	1855, Jan. 28.	W. Stockbridge Centre.	Pastor Em.
Winthrop H. Phelps,	1848, Feb. 9.	1852, Oct. 14.	South Egremont.	W. C.
Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1.	1869, Apr. 26.	Great Barrington.	Pastor.
Horace S. Shapleigh,	1869, Dec. 8.	1870, Jan. 31.		
Samuel H. Tolman,	1856, Aug. 14.	1872, Apr. 29.	Lenox.	Pastor.
George T. Washburn,	1859, Mar. 22.	1859, July 25.	*Madura, India.*	Mission'y.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
William J. Bartlett,	1871, Aug. 7, for four years.
Benjamin F. Parsons,	1872, July 30, for four years.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Last Monday in January, April, July, and October.
Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

IV. BROOKFIELD, ORGANIZED JUNE 22, 1757.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25.	1869, Jan. 12.	Warren.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9.	1869, Jan. 12.	Holland.	"
M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1.	1871, July 6.	Brimfield.	"
Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6.	1871, Apr. 11.	Gilbertville.	"
Richard B. Bull,	1854, Nov.	1871, July 6.	W. Brookfield.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, July 26.	1868, Oct. 13.	N. Brookfield.	Pastor.
John Haven,	1836, Dec. 4.	1851, June 10.	Charlton.	"
Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17.	1869, Oct. 13.	Southbridge.	"
Ariel E. P. Perkins, D. D.,	1844, Sept. 18.	1856, Jan. 1.	Ware.	"
Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7.	1863, Sept. 13.	Sturbridge.	"
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1869, Oct. 13.	Barre.	"
William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16.	1862, Sept. 30.	Ware.	"
F. A. Warfield,		1871, Oct. 11.	Globe Village.	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
George S. Dodge,	Apr. 12, 1871, for three years.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesday in January, April, June, and October, and the first Tuesday in July.

Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

V. CAPE COD, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Beard,	1867, Nov. 20.	1870, Jan. 17.	*Wilton, Me.*	A. P.
David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29.	1865, Apr. 18.	Abington.	A. P.
A. Parke Burgess,	1858, April.	1868, Jan. 14.	Duxbury.	"
Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10.	1862, Nov. 11.	Newtonville.	Pastor.
Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822, Aug. 24.	1836, June.	Yarmouth Port.	W. C.
John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6.	1869, May 7.	Yarmouth.	Pastor.
Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1869, Apr. 20.	Wellfleet.	"
Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29.	1871, Jan. 31.	Westborough.	W. C.
Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20.	1862, Nov. 11.	West Barnstable.	Pastor.
Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7.	1871, Oct. 17.	Orleans.	"
William Leonard,	1844, July 7.	1871, Apr. 18.	South Wellfleet.	A. P.
Joseph R. Munsell,	1831, Oct.	1861, April.	*Vermont.*	
Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26.	1850, April.	Truro.	Pastor.
Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May.	1872, Apr. 16.	Sandwich.	"
Josiah W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14.	1870, Jan. 17.	Douglas.	A. P.
Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22.	1870, Jan. 17.	North Falmouth.	"
William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 9.	1870, Apr. 19.	South Dennis.	Pastor.
Edwin Seabury,	1840, June 18.	1865, Apr. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Harvey M. Stone,	1848, Nov. 2.	1865, April.	*Rochester, N. H.*	Pastor.
Christopher J. Switzer,	1867, Jan. 10.	1867, Apr. 16.		
John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28.	1866, April.	Upton.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in January, April, and October.

Rev. Caleb W. Piper, North Falmouth, Moderator; Rev. William C. Reed, South Dennis, Secretary.

VI. ESSEX NORTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 8, 1761.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17.	1868, Sept. 8.	West Haverhill.	Pastor.
Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14.	1870, Apr. 19.	Rowley.	"
Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 5.	1872, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	"
Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30.	1838, Feb. 28.	Newburyport.	"
John P. Cleaveland, D. D.,	1827, Feb. 14.	1871, Sept. 12.	Newburyport.	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John P. Cowles,	1833, June 18.	1844, Aug.	Ipswich.	Teacher.
[Charles S. Durfee,	1869, Sept. 8.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	Pas. *Presb.*]
Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18.	1847, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15.	1868, Dec. 15.	West Amesbury.	"
Charles M. Hyde,	1802, Oct. 19.	1871, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	"
John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24.	1866, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	"
Nathaniel Lasell,	1835,	1872, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	A. P.
John C. Paine,	1838, June 6.	1871, Feb. 21.	Groveland.	Pastor.
Calvin E. Park,	1838, Oct. 31.	1847, Feb. 24.	West Boxford.	Teacher.
John Pike, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1842, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
James Powell,	1869, Nov. 24.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Raymond H. Seeley, D. D.,	1843, July 5.	1862, Apr. 15.	Haverhill.	"
Egbert C. Smythe, D. D.,	1856, July 22.	1867, Apr. 16.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Saml. J. Spalding, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 26.	1852, Apr. 28.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30.	1855, June 20.	North Woburn.	A. P.
Leon'd Withington, D. D.,	1816, Oct. 31.	1817, June 10.	Newbury.	Sen. P.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, D. D., Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., Newburyport, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

VII. ESSEX SOUTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 3, 1717.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3.	1869, June 8.	Peabody.	Pastor.
Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23.	1864, Dec. 6.	Salem.	"
James Brand,	1869, Oct. 6.	1870, Feb. 1.	Danvers.	"
Dana Clayes,	1821, July 4.	1862, June 3.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Joshua Colt,	1860, Nov. 13.	1872, Feb. 6.	Salem.	Sec.
Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 20.	1868, Apr. 7.	Salem.	Pastor.
Brown Emerson, D. D.,	1805, Apr. 24.		Salem.	"
Oliver P. Emerson,	1871, Sept. 13.	1871, Dec. 5.	Lynnfield Centre.	"
James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2.	1871, Dec. 5.	Topsfield.	"
Wakefield Gale,	1826, May 17.		Easthampton.	W. C.
Eli W. Harrington,	1837, Apr. 26.	1864, Oct. 18.	North Beverly.	"
Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16.	1869, Apr. 7.	Lynnfield.	A. P.
Orpheus T. Lanphear,	1849, Oct. 25.	1868, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	Pastor.
Charles C. Mc Intire,	1861, Sept. 17.	1872, Feb. 6.	Rockport.	"
Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12.	1864, Apr. 10.	Ipswich.	"
Charles R. Palmer,	1800, Aug. 29.	1861, Jan. 1.		
William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1.	1868, Apr. 7.	Ipswich.	Pastor.
S. Willard Segur,	1862, May 28.	1871, Dec. 5.	Gloucester.	"
William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28.	1872, Feb. 6.	Lanesville.	A. P.
Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7.	1859, Mar. 1.	Saugus Centre.	Pastor.
J. Henry Thayer,	1859, Dec. 29.	1860, Mar. 6.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles Van Norden,	1866, Nov. 14.	1868, June 2.	Beverly.	Pastor.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
J. A. Kellogg, Danvers,	June 7, 1870.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

VIII. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward O. Bartlett,	1863,	1867, Feb. 13.	*Providence, R. I.*	Pastor.
Edward P. Basset,	1857, Mar. 25.	1868, Nov. 11.	Warwick.	"
Edmund H. Blanchard,	1860, Apr. 25.	1861, May 15.		
Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11.	1859, Nov. 8.	Northfield.	Pastor.
Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20.	1858, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	"
Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4.	1869, May 12.	Wendell.	A. P.
Elijah Cutler,	1863, Sept. 9.	1863, Nov. 10.	East Charlemont.	"
Sylvester R. Dole,	1865, Nov. 16.	1867, May 15.	*Illinois.*	
Andrew B. Foster,	1844, June 16.	1865, Nov. 14.	Orange.	W. C.
Henry Haskell,	1862, Aug. 13.	1862, Sept. 24.	*Turkey.*	Mission'y.
Phineas C. Headley,	1849, Feb. 9.	1857, Nov. 3.	Boston.	W. C.
Simon L. Hobbs,	1854, Sept.	1870, May 11.	Erving.	A. P.
William W. Howland,	1845, Oct. 12.	1858, Feb. 10.	*Ceylon.*	Mission'y.
Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3.	1872,	Greenfield.	Pastor.
Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5.	1870, Nov. 8.	Shelburne Falls.	"
Samuel H. Lee,	1862, Sept. 17.	1867, May 15.	*Cleveland, O.*	"
Aretas G. Loomis,	1850, Jan.	1868, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	W. C.
A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 30.	1871, May 9.	Shelburne.	Pastor.
Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1.		Charlemont.	P. E.
Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14.	1863, Nov. 10.	Bernardston.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	1847, May 6.	1871, Feb. 14.	South Deerfield.	Pastor.
Eli Moody,	1818, Aug. 12.	1862, Aug. 19.	Montague.	Retired.
Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28.	1865, May 10.	Montague.	Pastor.
Theophilus Packard,	1828, Mar. 12.	1865, May 9.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.
David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13.	1868, Nov. 11.	Sunderland.	Pastor.
Jeremiah Pomeroy,	1833, Oct. 7.	1853, Feb. 1.	South Deerfield.	W. C.
Benjamin W. Pond,	1862, Jan. 28.	1867, May 15.	*York, Me.*	Pastor.
Edmund S. Potter,	1843, Aug. 23.	1866, Nov. 13.	Greenfield.	A.P.in Gill.
Robert Samuel,	1859, Nov. 6.	1866, May 7.	*Vermont.*	
D. T. Savage,	1861, Oct. 16.	1871, Feb. 15.	Charlemont.	W. C.
P. A. Schwarz,	1857, June.	1863, Nov. 10.	Greenfield.	Among Germans.
Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1.	1843, May.	East Hawley.	A. P.
David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21.	1849, May.	Coleraine.	Pastor.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
James C. Greenough,	1867, Aug. 13.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Greenfield, Scribe; Rev. David A. Strong, Treasurer.

IX. Hampden East, Organized June 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry J. Bruce,	1862, Sept. 11.	1862, Nov. 11.	*India.*	Mission'y.
S. G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24.	1847, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	Pastor.
Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12.	1868, Nov. 10.	So. Wilbraham.	"
E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16.	1844, June 12.	Chicopee.	"
Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5.	1860, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	"
Chester L. Cushman,	1856, Nov. 20.	1868, July 1.	Ludlow.	"
Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11.	1870, Feb. 8.	E. Longmeadow.	"
Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12.	1868, July 1.	Palmer Depot.	"
Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25.	1866, July 17.	Springfield.	"
Charles Hammond,	1855, Oct. 9.	1864, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1.	1851, Feb. 4.	Longmeadow.	Pastor.
Stephen Harris,	1861, Oct. 24.	1871, Nov. 12.	Indian Orchard.	A. P.
Allen Hazen,	1846, July 1.	1861, July 12.	*India.*	Mission'y.
Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20.	1869, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	Pastor.
Richard Knight,	1837, May 6.	1857, July 16.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20.	1869, July 6.	Chicopee.	"
Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14.	1871, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	"
Milan C. Stebbins,	1864, Oct. 25.	1866, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2.	1868, Feb. 4.	Monson.	Pastor.
Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16.	1868, May 5.	Chicopee Falls.	"
James Tufts,	1844, Sept.	1854, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Licentiate.	Approbated.	Licentiate.	Approbated.
William E. Boies, unlimited,	1860, May 1.	John M. Chapin,	1871, May 9.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. E. Benedict Clark, Chicopee, Register and Statistical Scribe.

X. HAMPDEN WEST, ORGANIZED JUNE 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry Cooley,	1846, Dec. 2.	1867,	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16.	1868,	Chester Centre.	Pastor.
Archibald Geikie,	1846, Mar. 4.	1864,		
[James C. Greenough,]	*Not ordained.*	1868,	*Providence, R. I.*	
Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1.	1868,	Boston.	
Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23.	1867,	Westfield.	Pastor.
Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24.	1867,	Palmer.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	1846, May 7.	1846,		
Ralph Perry,	1844, Jan. 3.	1844,	Agawam.	Pastor.
Elias H. Richardson,	1854, May 18.	1867,	*Hartford, Conn.*	"
Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24.	1872,	East Granville.	"
Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21.	1866,	Chester.	A. P.
Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20.	1866,	Feeding Hills.	"
John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4.	1868,	Holyoke.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Frederick H. Allen,	1872, May 14.	Peter B. Shiere,	1872, May 14.
Edward P. Butler,	" "	Mellen D. Stone,	" "

TIMES OF MEETING.— Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. Henry Hopkins, Westfield, Register and Statistical Scribe.

XI. HAMPSHIRE, ORGANIZED BEFORE 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Marshall B. Angier,	1853, June 8.	1869, Oct. 20.		W. C.
Pliny F. Barnard,	1847, Jan. 14.	1871, Feb. 7.	Westhampton,	Pastor.
John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20.	1837, Feb. 7.	Huntington,	"
Edward Clarke,	1839, June 13.	1839, Aug. 6.	Chesterfield.	W. C.
Solomon Clarke,	1841, Apr. 12.	1861, Feb. 5.	Plainfield.	A. P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20.	1867, Feb. 5.	Florence.	Pastor.
Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10.	1854, May 24.	Easthampton.	"
Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 11.	1871, Feb. 7.	Becket.	A. P.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	1867, Nov. 7.	1870, June 7.	Worthington.	Pastor.
Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25.	1853, May 3.	Northampton.	"
Sidney Holman,	1833, Jan. 16.	1863, May 5.		

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James P. Kimball,	1857, May 12.	1871, Feb. 7.	Haydenville.	Pastor.
William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec.	1867, May 28.	Northampton.	"
Ephraim Lyman,	1835, Oct. 28.	1864, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	W. C.
David S. Morgan,	1867, June 26.	1868, Oct. 20.	*Montello, Wis.*	A.P.*Presb.*
Robert Samuel,	1859, Nov. 3.	1870, Oct. 18.	*Vermont.*	
Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17.	1864, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	Pastor.
Townsend Walker,	1844, Mar. 14.	1869, Feb. 2.	Goshen.	"
Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26.	1869, Feb. 2.	Southampton.	"

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Charles W. Parkhurst, Easthampton,	1871, June 7.
Joseph H. Sawyer, Easthampton,	1872, June 5.

TIMES OF MEETING.—First Tuesday in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. Ephraim Lyman, Northampton, Scribe and Treasurer.

XII. HAMPSHIRE EAST, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12.	1848, Feb. 8.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20.	1858, Nov. 9.	Prescott.	"
Warren H. Beaman,	1841, Sept. 15.	1841, Nov. 16.	North Hadley.	W. C.
Henry B. Blake,	1845, Jan. 1.	1856, Feb. 12.	*Wilmington, N.C.*	
J. Henry Bliss,	1869, Nov. 28.	1871, Sept. 19.	South Hadley.	Pastor.
Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 6.	1843, Nov. 14.	Greenwich.	"
Franklin P. Chapin,	1857, Nov. 10.	1869, Sept. 21.	Amherst.	Sup.of Sch.
[Edward P. Crowell,	*Not ordained.*	1865, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.]
Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25.	1854, May 9.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12.	1841, Nov. 16.	New Salem.	A. P.
Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7.	1872, June 4.	Granby.	Pastor.
Edward C. Ewing,	1863, Nov. 5.	1867, Dec. 17.	Enfield.	"
George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27.	1867, Dec. 17.	S. Hadley Falls.	"
Dana Goodsell,	1834, May 1.	1841, Nov. 16.	*Phila., Penn.*	W. C.
William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 18.	1869, Feb. 5.	North Amherst.	Pastor.
Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 17.	1860, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	"
H. G. Jesup,	1854, Apr. 26.	1866, Dec. 18.	Amherst.	W. C.
Matthew Kingman,	1845, June 26.	1867, Sept. 17.	Amherst.	"
John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17.	1861, Jan. 9.	Whately.	Pastor.
Charles D. Lothrop,	1854, Dec. 14.	1866, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	W. C.
George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 12.	1870, Dec. 20.	Amherst.	Pastor.
Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10.	1871, Sept. 19.	Belchertown.	"
Robert Mc Ewen, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 10.	1842, Nov. 9.	*New London, Ct.*	W. C.
[Richard H. Mather,	*Not ordained.*	1869, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.]
Julius H. Seelye, D. D.,	1853, Aug. 8.	1865, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	"
John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct. 9.	1870, Dec. 20.	Hatfield.	Pastor.
Wm. A. Stearns, D. D.,	1831, Dec. 14.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	Pres. Coll.
William Tyler,	1810, Feb. 24.	1841, Nov. 16.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William S. Tyler, D. D.,	1859, Oct. 5.	1841, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William H. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21.	1871, Sept. 19.	Packardville.	Pastor.
Aaron Warner, D. D.,	1823, Sept. 25.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	W. C.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Henry M. Tyler, four years,	1868, Dec. 22.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Tuesday next after the first Sabbath in February and June; and Tuesday next after the third Sabbath in September and December.

Rev. Charles D. Lothrop, Amherst, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIII. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 26.	1869, Mar. 8.	Norfolk.	Pastor.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9.	1871, Mar. 14.	Medfield.	A. P.
Sewall Harding,	1821, Jan. 17.	1843, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Rufus K. Harlow,	1868, Oct. 15.	1872, June 11.	Medway.	Pastor.
Alexis W. Ide,	1859, July 7.	1872, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2.	1815, May.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26.	1856, April.	Mansfield.	"
Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1.	1872, June 11.	East Medway.	"
Luther Keene,	1863, Feb. 11.	1868, Sept. 8.	Franklin.	"
S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29.	1869, Mar. 9.	Milford.	"
Caleb Kimball,	1832,	1854, Jan.	Medway Village.	Disabled.
Stephen Knowlton,	1865, Nov. 2.	1866, June.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Poor,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, April.	*Romeo, Mich.*	Teacher.
Jacob Roberts,	1839, July 17.	1858, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William L. Ropes,	1853, Sept. 14.	1853, Oct.	Andover.	Librarian Theo. Sem.
David Sanford,	1828, May 22.	1838, April.	Medway Village.	Pastor.
William M. Thayer,	1849, June 20.	1872, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	Sec. Temp. Alliance.
William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9.	1868, Dec. 8.	Wrentham.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in March, June, September, and December. Rev. Jacob Ide, Jr., Mansfield, Moderator; Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe.

XIV. Middlesex South, Organized June 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Colby,	1855, Oct. 31.	1864, Oct. 11.	Southborough.	Pastor.
Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29.	1869, Apr. 7.	Ashland.	"
Erastus Dickinson,	1835, Sept. 25.	1856, Apr. 8.	*New Jersey.*	W. C.
Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10.	1839, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10.	1869, Apr. 7.	Middleborough.	"
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1802, May 1.	1871, Dec. 5.	Framingham.	"
George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28.	1870, Apr. 5.	Hopkinton.	"
Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15.	1870, Oct. 4.	Saxonville.	"
Jesse H. Jones,	1861, May 19.	1869, Oct. 5.	East Abington.	A. P.
Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28.	1871, June 27.	Holliston.	Pastor.
Birdsey G. Northrop,	1847, Mar. 7.	1847, May 4.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Sec. Conn. Board of Education.
Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28.	1869, Apr. 7.	Lynn.	A. P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2.	1872, Feb. 6.	Natick.	Pastor.
George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23.	1866, Apr. 3.	Wellesley.	"
William H. Phipps,	1866, Aug. 29.	1871, Jan. 3.	*E. Woodstock, Ct.*	A. P.
Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6.	1861, Apr. 2.	Lincoln.	Pastor.
Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4.	1869, Apr. 7.	Hanover.	A. P.
Josiah H. Temple,	1845, Sept. 30.	1870, July 5.	Framingham.	W. C.
Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19.	1870, July 5.	Sudbury.	Pastor.
Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30.	1870, July 5.	Marlborough.	"
Daniel Wight,	1842, Sept. 28.	1872, June 4.	Natick.	W. C.
Charles H. S. Williams,	1868, Jan. 16.	1868, July 7.	*New York.*	Lawyer.
John Wood,	1840, Apr. 8.	1871, Dec. 5.	Wellesley.	W. C.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in February and June, second Tuesday in September, and first Tuesday in December.

Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Moderator; Rev. John Colby, Southborough, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XV. MIDDLESEX UNION, ORGANIZED JANUARY, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29.	1866, Nov. 7.	Leominster.	Pastor.
Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7.	1864, Sept. 6.	Auburn.	A. P.
Alfred Emerson,	1845, Oct. 15.	1858, July 6.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Robert W. Fuller,	1841, June 10.	1861, Jan. 1.	Stowe.	"
Edwin R. Hodgman,	1849, May 17.	1859, May 3.	Westford.	"
Amos Holbrook,	1866, May 9.	1866, Sept. 3.	East Douglas.	A. P.
John C. Hutchinson,	1859, Dec. 20.	1864, Mar. 1.	Richmond.	W. C.
William C. Jackson,	1835, Oct. 13.	1859, Sept. 6.	*Brentwood, N. H.*	A. P.
John E. B. Jewett,	1851, Sept. 10.	1861, May 7.	Pepperell.	Teacher.
Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15.		Shirley.	Pastor.
Leonard Luce,	1829, Apr. 8.	1829, July 21.	Westford.	W. C.
Daniel Mc Clenning,	1869, April.	1870, July 5.	Boxborough.	A. P.
William A. Mandell,	1842, Apr. 2.	1856, Jan. 1.	Cambridge.	L. Ins. Agt.
George N. Marden,	1862, Oct. 9.	1863, May 5.	*Farmington, Me.*	Pastor.
George H. Morse,	1864, May 11.	1870, Jan. 4.	Townsend.	"
Horace Parker,	1861, May 31.	1864, Mar. 1.	Pepperell.	"
William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 28.	1866, Jan. 2.	Williamsburg.	"
George H. Pratt,	1866, Oct. 11.	1866, Nov. 7.	Harvard.	"
Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16.	1868, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	"
George Trask,	1830, Sept. 15.	1856, Jan. 1.	Fitchburg.	A. T.
George Williams,	1865, Oct. 25.	1868, Nov. 10.	*Somerset, Mich.*	A. P.
Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12.	1868, Mar.	Rehoboth.	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
Charles H. Whitney,	1871, May 9.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, Westford, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XVI. NORFOLK, ORGANIZED MAY 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frederick R. Abbe,	1857, Sept. 3.	1858, Jan. 26.	Boston.	Pastor.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb.	1868, Apr. 28.	Groton.	"
L. Wheaton Allen,	1869, Oct. 13.	1871, Jan. 30.	Hanover.	W. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22.	1869, Apr. 27.	Sharon.	Pastor.
Edward L. Clark,	1860, Aug. 8.	1866, Jan. 30.		
William M. Cornell, M. D.,	1830, Jan. 12.	1872, Apr. 20.	Boston.	Editor.
Lysander Dickerman,	1858, Apr. 29.	1862, July 29.	*Quincy, Ill.*	
Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9.	1871, Apr. 25.	E. Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Benjamin Dodge,	1848,	1867, Jan. 29.	North Abington.	Ins. Agt.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1848, Oct. 31.	Shrewsbury.	Pastor.
Lucius R. Eastman,	1837, Nov. 24.	1838, Jan. 30.	Boston.	Evangel't.
Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12.	1858, Oct. 26.	N. Middleboro'.	A. P.
Joshua Emery,	1835, May 15.	1838, Jan. 30.	N. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24.	1867, Jan. 29.	Swampscott.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4.	1866, July 31.	Randolph.	Pastor.
Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5.	1871, Jan. 30.	Worcester.	"
Elbridge P. Mc Elroy,	1871, Oct. 25.	1872, Jan. 30.	East Weymouth.	"
Jonas Perkins,	1815, June 14.	1816, Oct. 30.	Braintree.	Retired.
Lebbeus R. Phillips,	1841, July 29.	1841, Oct. 26.	Groton.	Farmer.
Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25.	1871, Oct. 31.	Scituate.	Pastor.
Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, July 28.	Hanson.	A. P.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	1836, June 22.	1851, Jan.	Holbrook.	W. C.
Alexander J. Sessions,	1836, June 6.	1864, Jan. 6.	Brookline.	"
Charles B. Smith,	1870, Feb. 25.	1871, Oct. 31.	Cohasset.	Pastor.
George W. Stanton,	1866, June 6.	1871, July 25.	So. Weymouth.	"
Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12.	1872, Jan. 30.	No. Bridgewater.	"
Moody A. Stevens,	1861, Dec. 9.	1871, Oct. 31.	Cohasset.	"
Richard S. Storrs, D. D.,	1811, June 3.	1812, Apr. 29.	Braintree.	"
Albert K. Teele,	1854, July 15.	1852, April.	Milton.	"
James P. Terry,	1839, Dec. 4.	1849, Jan. 30.	*In Europe.*	
Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3.	1868, Oct. 27.	East Boston.	A. P.
Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 15.	1845, Jan. 28.	Bridgewater.	Pastor.
James W. Ward,	1834, May 21.	1834, July 29.	Lakeville.	W. C.
Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1.	1856, April.	Stoughton.	Pastor.
Charles W. Wood,	1839, Oct. 29.	1858, Apr. 27.	Campello.	W. C.

Licentiate.	Approbated.
George H. Martin, Bridgewater,	1872, Apr. 30.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Last Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., Braintree, Moderator; Rev. John C. Labaree, Randolph, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVII. OLD COLONY, ORGANIZED AUGUST 18, 1810.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Homer Barrows,	1836, June 1.	1853, Oct. 26.	Andover.	W. C.
Daniel C. Burt,	1835, July 1.	1835, July 28.	New Bedford.	"
Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16.	1872, June 11.	Rochester.	Pastor.
Timothy F. Clary,	1849, Dec. 12.	1864, July 20.	Wareham.	Ins. Agent.
Leander Cobb,	1827, Sept. 27.	1841, July 27.	Marion.	Pastor.
Nathaniel Cobb,	1827, Oct. 31.	1851, Apr. 30.	Kingston.	Evangel't.
James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12.	1865, Apr. 18.	Waquoit.	A. P.
[Tristram R. Dennison,	*Not ordained.*	1872, June 11.	New Bedford.	City Mis'y.]
Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29.	1863, Oct. 20.	Taunton.	Pastor.
William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5.	1870, Dec. 20.	Acushnet.	Pastor in New Bedford.
[Charles A. Kingsbury,	*Not ordained.*	1872, June 11.	Marion.	*P. e.*]
Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25.	1866, Feb. 20.	So. Dartmouth.	Pastor.
John M. Lord,	1851, Dec. 21.	1865, Dec. 19.		
Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21.	1872, June 11.	Edgartown.	A. P.
Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6.	1867, July 2.	Foxborough.	"
Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27.	1864, July 20.	New Bedford.	Pastor.
Cassius M. Terry,	1871, Nov. 3.	1870, Dec. 20.	*St. Paul, Minn.*	P. E.
Isaiah C. Thacher,	1844, Dec. 25.	1845, Apr. 29.	Wareham.	Pastor.

Licentiates, — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher, Wareham, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVIII. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30.	1859, Aug. 16.	Charlestown.	W. C.
Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5.	1858, May 18.	Marshfield.	Pastor.
Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6.	1871, May 16.	Hanover.	A. P.
David Bremner,	1855, May 2.	1866, May 15.	*Derry, N. H.*	Pastor.
A. Parke Burgess,	1858, April.	1871, May 16.	Duxbury.	A. P.
Samuel W Cozzens, D.D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1870, Aug. 16.	South Plymouth.	"
William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8.	1866, Nov. 20.	Halifax.	Pastor.
Ebenezer Gay,	1818, Jan. 7.	1864, Feb. 16.	Bridgewater.	W. C.
Frederic Jones,	1837,	1870, Aug. 16.	North Carver.	A. P.
Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30.	1842, Nov. 30.	Kingston.	"
Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25.	1870, Nov. 15.	Scituate.	"
Baalis Sanford,	1827, Oct. 4.	1858, Aug. 17.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Enoch Sanford,	1823, Oct. 2.	1858, Nov. 30.	Raynham.	"
James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3.	1870, Aug. 16.	East Marshfield.	Pastor.
Benjamin Southworth,	1859, Feb. 24.	1861, Feb. 19.	*Maine.*	A. P.
Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4.	1872, Feb. 20.	Hanover.	"
George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21.	1870, May 17.	Plymouth.	Pastor.
Philip Titcomb,	1849, Apr. 7.	1869, May 18.	Plympton.	A. P.
Francis W Williams,	1853, Dec. 7.	1869, Feb. 19.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Marshfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIX. Salem, Organized October 15, 1840.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Milton P. Braman, D. D.,	1826, Apr. 12.	1850, Oct. 15.	Danvers.	W. C.
Levi Brigham,	1837, Mar. 15.	1850, Oct. 29.	*Troy, N. H.*	A. P.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1866, Sept. 3.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
Alexander C. Childs,	1853, May 18.	1867, Nov. 12.	*W. Charlest'n, Vt.*	A. P.
William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9.	1850, Oct. 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3.	1865, Mar. 6.	Lynn.	Pastor.
James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2.	1871, July 11.	Topsfield.	"
Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7.	1870, Mar. 8.	Middleton.	"
Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept.	1868, Nov. 10.	Boxford.	"
George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1.	1869, July 13.	Manchester.	"
Francis Homes,	1854, Oct. 29.	1866, May 1.	Cochessett.	Teacher.
Henry W Jones,	1866, May 24.	1871, Nov. 14.	Swampscott.	Pastor.
William R. Joyslin,	1864, Feb. 3.	1870, Jan. 16.	*E. Portland, Or.*	A. P.
Edw. A. Lawrence, D. D.,	1839, May 15.	1869, Jan. 12.	Marblehead.	Pastor.
Anson Mc Loud,	1841, Dec. 8.	1850, Oct. 15.	Topsfield.	W. C.
D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept.	1869, Mar. 9.	Georgetown.	Pastor.
Allen D. Morehouse,	1865, June 18.	1870, Nov. 1.	Essex.	"
Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28.	1871, Jan. 10.	Lynn.	A. P.
Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7.	1864, May 1.	Danvers.	Pastor.
John S. Sewall,	1859, Apr. 20.	1859, Apr. 12.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof. Coll.
Jotham B. Sewall,	1855, Feb. 28.	1855, May 8.	*Brunswick, Me.*	" "
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1865, Mar. 7.	Barre.	Pastor.
Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19.	1865, May 2.	Braintree.	A. P.
John Thompson,	1867, Sept. 22.	1868, Nov. 10.	So. Abington.	"
Joseph Tracy, D. D.,	1821, June 26.	1851, Apr. 15.	Beverly.	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jas. M. Whiton, PH. D.,	1865, May 10.	1865, Nov. 7.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15.	1869, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	"

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Albert H. Currier, Lynn, Scribe.

XX. SUFFOLK NORTH, ORGANIZED JULY 2, 1822.

[Not official. The following is corrected from last year.]

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward Abbott,	1863, July 28.	1865, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	Ed. Cong.
George E. Allen,	1858, May 20.	1858, Sept. 28.	East Somerville.	W. C.
Marcus Ames,	1854, June 28.	1861, June 18.	Lancaster.	Supt. State Industrial School.
Rufus Anderson, D. D.,	1826, May 10.	1827, Dec. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Abijah R. Baker, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1838, Aug. 29.	Dorchester.	"
Wm. Barrows, D. D.,	1845, Sept. 4.	1850, Sept. 23.	Reading.	Sec. Cong. Pub. Soc.
Charles C. Beaman,	1839, June 25.	1868, Apr. 21.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1.	1871, Feb. 21.		
Joel S. Bingham, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 20.	1863, June 16.	*Dubuque, Iowa.*	Pastor.
Geo. W. Blagden, D. D.,	1827, Dec. 25.	1828, Oct. 28.	Boston.	"
Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23.	1869, Oct. 19.	Everett.	"
Asa Bullard,	1832, Jan. 13.	1835, Oct. 27.	Boston.	Sec. Cong. Pub. Soc.
William Bushnell, M. D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1842, Dec. 27.	Boston.	Physician.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1861, June 18.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
N. George Clark, D. D.,	1857, Oct.	1866, June.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Sereno D. Clark,	1840, June 11.	1865, Sept. 19.	*Vermont.*	
Dorus Clarke, D. D.,	1823, Feb. 23.	1842, Oct. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
ChristopherCushing, D.D.,	1849, Feb. 7.	1868, June 9.	Cambridge.	Sec. Am. Cong. Union.
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1.	1867, Oct. 15.	Framingham.	Pastor.
Stedman W. Hanks,	1840, Mar. 20.	1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridge.	Sec. Sea. Friend Soc.
John Haskell,	1850, Dec. 25.	1865, Sept. 19.	*Lisbon, Ct.*	
Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20.	1871, Feb. 21.	Boston.	A. P.
Samuel E. Herrick,	1863, Oct. 13.	1865, Feb. 21.	Boston.	Pastor.
Edwin Johnson,	1852, June 6.	1859, Dec. 27.	*Bridgeport, Ct.*	"
Isaac P. Langworthy,	1841, Nov. 10.	1842, Oct. 25.	Chelsea.	Sec. Am. Cong. Assoc.
George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29.	1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28.	1867, Apr. 16.	Cambridge.	"
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1858, Sept. 28.	Wellesley.	Editor.
David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2.	1867, Dec. 17.	No. Cambridge.	Pastor.
James B. Miles,	1855, Jan. 2.	1856, Feb. 26.		Sec. Am. Peace Soc.
[Jas. O. Murray, *Presb.*,	1854, Oct. 26.	1862, Apr. 15.	*New York.*	Pastor *Presb. Ch.*]
Ebenezer Newhall,	1823, Dec. 17.	1866, Apr. 17.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
J. H. Northrup,		1852, Apr. 27.	*Millville, N. J.*	
Edwards A. Park, D. D.,	1831, Dec. 31.		Andover.	Prof. Sem.
John B. Perry,	1855, Dec. 12.	1869, Apr. 20.	Cambridge.	Professor.
Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10.	1859, Feb. 22.	Boston Highlan's.	Pastor.
Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1.	1869, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	"
Francis G. Pratt,	1849, Oct. 19.	1850, Feb. 26.	Middleborough.	W. C.
J. Eames Rankin, D. D.,	1855, Feb. 27.	1865, Feb. 21.	*Washington, D. C.*	Pastor.
Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19.	1870, Apr. 19.	Revere.	"
Calvin Terry,	1846, Dec. 20.	1861, June 18.	*Haverhill, N. H.*	
Edward P. Thwing,	1858, Sept. 22.	1868, Apr. 21.	*Maine.*	
Heman R. Timlow,		1871, Feb. 21.	*New York.*	Editor.
Kinsley Twining,	1858, Aug. 26.	1867, Sept. 17.	*Providence, R. I.*	Pastor.
Samuel H. Virgin,	1868, Oct. 27.	1869, Feb. 23.	*Harlem, N. Y.*	
John Whitney,	1837, Nov. 8.	1839, July 22.		

Licentiates — No report. Last year, none.

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Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXI. SUFFOLK SOUTH, ORGANIZED JANUARY 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Nehemiah Adams, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 17.	1835, Jan. 6.	Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2.	1860, Jan. 3.	South Boston.	"
Rowland H. Allen,	1865, Nov. 1.	1866, Jan. 2.	Neponset, Boston.	"
Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30.	1863, May 19.	Norwood.	A. P.
Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27.	1857, Nov. 3.	Arlington.	Pastor.
William B. Clarke,	1855, May 4.	1871, Oct. 31.	Dorchester.	A. P.
John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29.	1865, May 2..	Royalston.	Pastor.
Perley B. Davis,	1861, Jan. 29.	1863, July 7.	Hyde Park.	"
Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29.	1871, Jan. 2.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7.	1863, May 19.	Dedham.	"
William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15.	1861, Nov. 15.	Needham.	A. P.
B. Franklin Hamilton,	1865, June 28.	1872, Mar. 12.	Bost. Highlands.	Pastor.
Henry B. Hooker, D. D.,	1825, Oct. 10.	1858, Nov. 9.	Boston.	Sec.
Edward N. Kirk, D. D.,	1828, Oct. 23.	1842, Oct. 4.	Boston.	Pastor.
Benjamin Labaree, D. D.,	1831, Sept. 26.	1871, May 2.	West Roxbury.	W. C.
James H. Means,	1848, July 13.	1868, Jan. 7.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3.	1857, Oct. 6.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Charles L. Mills,	1838,	1868, Mar. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Henry M. Parsons,	1854, Nov. 15.	1871, Mar. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.
Francis B. Perkins,	1860, Feb. 15.	1865, Jan. 3.		W. C.
Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2.	1867, Nov. 12.	South Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13.	1862, Jan. 7.	Centreville.	A. P.
Aug. C. Thompson, D. D.,	1842, July 27.	1842, Nov. 1.	Bost. Highlands.	Pastor.
Selah B. Treat,	1836, Mar. 24.	1844, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Josa. E. Woodbridge,	1835, Jan.	1865, Sept. 5.		W. C.

Licentiates — None.

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Rev. Perley B. Davis, Hyde Park, Scribe and Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.

XXII. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	1858, July 21.	1867, Jan. 8.	Watertown.	W. C.
Daniel Butler,	1838, Oct. 13.	1868, Apr. 7.	Waverley.	Sec.Bib.So.
Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10.	1868, Dec. 8.	Newtonville.	Pastor.
Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12.	1868, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	"
John De Witt,	1865, June 9.	1870, Feb. 22.	Boston.	"
Henry M. Dexter, D. D.,	1844, Nov. 6.	1867, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Editor.
Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1.	1867, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	Pastor.
James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grantville.	"
Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21.	1869, Oct. 12.	North Village, Newton.	"
Daniel P. Noyes,	1849, Apr. 18.	1867, Feb. 6.	Longwood.	Sec.Ho.Ev.
David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21.	1867, Apr. 2.	Brighton.	Pastor.
Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16.	1867, Jan. 8.	West Newton.	"
Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Apr. 10.	1867, Apr. 2.	Waltham.	"
Increase N. Tarbox, D.D.,	1842, Nov. 22.	1867, Apr. 2.	West Newton.	Sec.A.E.So.
John E. Todd,	1860, Feb. 2.	1867, Feb. 6.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Pastor.
Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19.	1869, Dec. 21.	Waverley.	"
Israel P. Warren, D. D.,	1842, Apr. 20.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11.	1867, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Pastor.
Josh. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton.	"
Charles L. Woodward,	1849, Nov. 7.	1871, Oct. 10.	Watertown.	Sec.A.M.A.
William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2.	1868, Apr. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.

Licentiate, for three years.	Approbated.	Licentiate, for three years.	Approbated.
Henry M. Dexter,	1869, Oct. 12.	D. P. Lindsley,	1871, Feb. 28.

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Rev. James M. Hubbard, Grantville, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIII. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William W. Adams,	1860, Jan. 26.	1864, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	Pastor.
William H. Bessom,	1863, Feb. 23.	1864, Nov. 29.	East Boston.	W. C.
Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 24.	1856, July 29.	Taunton.	Pastor.
Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20.	1865, July 18.	Bost. Highlands.	W. C.
Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25.	1871, Jan. 11.	Fall River.	Pastor.
Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16.	1869, Nov. 10.	Rochester.	"
Leander S. Coan,	1863, June 18.	1872, Nov. 7.	Somerset.	A.P.
Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24.	1869, Apr. 13.	Falmouth.	"
Ebenezer Dawes, Jr.,	1864, Sept. 8.	1860, Nov. 20.	Dighton.	"
Abel G. Duncan,	1829, May 13.	1857, Mar. 31.	Scotland.	"
Henry C. Fay,	1859, Dec. 29.	1867, Apr. 16.	Harwich Port.	Pastor.
John W. Haley,	1864, Sept. 23.	1869, Nov. 10.		W. C.
Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23.	1866, Mar. 27.	Westport.	Pastor.
Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29.	1826, Nov. 21.	Taunton.	"
Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2.	1866, Aug. 1.	Natick.	"
Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9.	1868, Apr. 21.	East Taunton.	A. P.
Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17.	1861, Mar. 26.	West Taunton.	Pastor.
James A. Roberts,	1824, Oct. 20.	1864, Mar. 29.	Berkley.	A. P.
Augustine Root,	1858, May 20.	1859, Mar. 29.	Belchertown.	W. C.
John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11.	1869, Nov. 10.	West Attleboro'.	A.P.

Licentiates—None.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in January, April, and November.

Rev. John Whitehill, West Attleborough, Moderator; Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIV. WOBURN, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 4.	1869, Jan. 26.	Melrose.	Pastor.
Edwin C. Bissell,	1859, Sept. 21.	1871, Nov. 21.	Winchester.	"
Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28.	1862, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	"
Elias Chapman,	1845, Oct. 6.	1869, Apr. 21.	North Reading.	Ins. Agt.
Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8.	1870, Nov. 15.	Bedford.	Pastor.
J. W. Chickering, D. D.,	1830, June 6.	1867, Oct. 15.	Wakefield.	Sec. S. T. U.
Solon Cobb,	1865, Oct.	1872, Jan. 16.	Medford.	Pastor.
Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11.	1867, Sept. 21.	Lynn.	P. e.
William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5.	1866, Jan. 16.	Lunenburg.	Pastor.
Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3.	1871, Jan. 17.	Malden.	"
Isaac F. Holton,	1860, May 1.	1866, Jan. 16.	South Malden.	W. C.
Edward P. Hooker,	1861, Nov. 13.	1862, May 20.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	Pastor.
Alfred S. Hudson,	1857, Dec. 19.	1868, Jan. 16.	Burlington.	"
John Lawrence,	1848, Aug. 5.	1869, Nov. 16.	Reading.	W. C.
Robert F. Lawrence,	1834, Jan. 29.	1869, Nov. 16.		
George Lewis,	1865, Dec. 12.	1866, July 17.	*Gorham, Me.*	W. C.
James T. Mc Collom,	1841, Apr. 7.	1866, Oct. 6.	Medford.	Pastor.
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1852, May 18.	Wellesley.	Editor.
Moses Patten,	1860, June 7.	1870, Nov. 15.	Carlisle.	Pastor.
Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22.	1871, May 16.	Wilmington.	"
Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12.	1861, Nov. 19.	No. Bridgewater.	"
William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30.	1872, Mar. 19.	Reading.	"
William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5.	1858, Jan. 19.	Reading.	"

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Joshua Buffum,	1862, Mar. 18.	E. P. Smith,	1872, Jan. 16.
Charles Manning,	1866, Apr. 17.	Ludwig Wolfsen,	1870, Mar. 20.

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Rev. Albert G. Bale, Melrose, Scribe.

XXV. WORCESTER CENTRAL, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel S. Ashley,	1849, Aug. 1.	1852, Nov. 3.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	Sup. of Sch.
Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 25.	1869, May 4.	Boylston.	A. P.
Willard Child, D. D.,	1827, April.	1864, Nov. 14.	*Crown Pt., N. Y.*	
De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11.	1869, May 4.	Clinton.	Pastor.
Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21.	1857, July 7.	Leicester.	"
Joseph W. Cross,	1834, Oct. 1.	1841, Jan. 5.	West Boylston.	W. C.
Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16.	1867, Feb. 4.	Rutland.	Pastor.
Preston Cummings,	1825, Aug. 23.	1862, July 6.	Leicester.	W. C.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6.	1856, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	Pastor.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1870,	Shrewsbury.	"
Thomas L. Ellis,	1859, June 9.	1872, Feb. 6.	Paxton.	"
Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1868, July 14.	Millbury.	"
L. Ives Hoadley,	1823, Oct. 15.			
William A. Houghton,	1843, July 5.	1843, Nov. 7.	Berlin.	Pastor.
Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3.	1871, Nov. 14.	West Boylston.	A. P.
Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, June 10.	1872, May 7.	Lancaster.	Pastor.
Lucian D. Mears,	1871, Nov. 8.	1871, Nov. 14.	Sterling.	"
Rodney A. Miller,	1827, June 7.	1827, Aug. 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24.	1834,	Holden.	Pastor.
William Phipps,	1840, Nov. 11.	1841, Aug. 3.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	"
Miner G. Pratt,	1828, Oct. 22.	1837, May 2.	Andover.	Agent.
Merrill Richardson,	1841, Oct. 28.	1859, Mar. 1.	*New York.*	Pastor.
A. Hastings Ross,	1861, Oct. 17.	1863, Jan. 6.	*Springfield, Ohio.*	"
George E. Sanborne,	1857, Jan. 1.	1868,	*Hartford, Ct.*	Chaplain.
William H. Sanford,	1832, Oct. 17.	1833, Aug. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Roger M. Sargent,	1852, Apr. 27.		Princeton.	"
Royal B. Stratton,	1848,	1867, May 6.	Worcester.	"
Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23.	1839, May 7.	Worcester.	Pastor.
Nathan W. Williams,	1849, Feb. 28.	1849, Aug. 7.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1870,	Grafton.	Pastor.
Isaac R. Worcester,	1837, Sept. 27.	1847, Jan. 5.	Auburndale.	Ed. M. Her.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesday in February and May, and second Tuesday in July and November.

Rev. Andrew Bigelow, D. D., Boylston, Moderator; Rev. De Witt S. Clark, Clinton, Scribe.

XXVI. WORCESTER NORTH, ORGANIZED JUNE 8, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Willard Brigham,	1843, May 24.	1870, Apr. 19.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Benjamin F. Clarke,	1824, Feb. 4.	1854, Apr. 25.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Josiah D. Crosby,	1837, Oct. 4.	1846, Nov. 10.	Ashburnham.	"
John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29.	1871, July 18.	Royalston.	Pastor.
Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 29.	1868, Oct. 13.	Athol.	"
William W. Dow,	1866, May 23.	1872, Apr. 23.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1.	1869, Nov. 27.	No. Winchendon.	Pastor.
John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3.	1866, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	A. P.
Charles F. Morse,	1856, Aug. 13.	1871, July 18.	Phillipston.	W. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16.	1871, July 18.	Ashburnham.	A. P.
Walter Rice,	1865, July 25.	1869, Oct. 5.	South Royalston.	"
Lewis Sabin, D. D.,	1836, June 8.	1837, Dec. 12.	Templeton.	Pastor.
Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9.	1868, July 14.	Cohasset.	"
John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31.	1871, Jan. 10.	Hubbardston.	"
Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18.	1853, Jan. 11.	Petersham.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesday in January, fourth Tuesday in April, second Tuesday in July, and first Tuesday in October.

Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXVII. Worcester South, Organized 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Sept. 27.	1869, Jan. 12.	Saundersville.	Pastor.
David M. Bean,	1863, July 23.	1870, Apr. 12.	*Connecticut.*	W. C.
Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 18.	1839, Apr. 9.	Uxbridge.	Pastor.
William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4.	1866, July 10.	East Douglas.	"
Herman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18.	1872, Jan. 9.	Westborough.	"
Elijah Demond,	1821, May 7.		Westborough.	W. C.
Franklin E. Fellows,	1858, Dec. 15.	1870, Apr. 12.	*Griswold, Conn.*	
Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1869, July 13.	Millbury.	Pastor.
Edmund Y. Garrette,	1854, Apr. 12.	1858, Jan. 14.	*Pittsburg, Penn.*	"
James E. Hall,	1867, Feb. 27.	1867, July 9.	Quincy.	"
Sylvester Hine,	1848, Sept. 28.		*Higganum, Conn.*	
Thomas S. Norton,	1846, Feb. 4.	1869, July 13.	Dover.	
George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14.	1871, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	Pastor.
John R. Thurston,	1859, Jan. 20.	1872, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	"
Hiram A. Tracy,	1835, Jan. 1.	1871, Oct. 17.	Sutton.	A. P.
Andrew J. Willard,	1857, Apr. 20.	1857, July 14.	*Burlington, Vt.*	
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grafton.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Alvan J. Bates, Saundersville, Scribe.

ADDITIONAL.

I. Andover Association. — The failure to have an official list on page 79, was not due to the present Scribe. Correct that list as follows:

Add to the list of names:

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Smith Baker, Jr.,	1860, July 30.	1871, Dec. 5.	Lowell.	Pastor.
Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15.	1870, Dec. 6.	Tyngsborough.	W. C.
S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29.	1871, Dec. 5.	Tewksbury.	Pastor.
Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6.	1872, Feb. 6.	Lawrence.	"
Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 20.	1871, Dec. 5.	No. Chelmsford.	"
Edwin S. Williams,	1864, June 10.	1870, Dec. 6.	Andover.	

Erase:

Moses Patten.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Benjamin S. Adams,	1870, July 5.	Joseph E. Fiske,	1866, Dec. 11.
Thomas R. Beeber,	1871, June 6.	Rufus C. Flagg,	1871, June 6.
L. Payson Broad,	1872, June 15.	Omar W. Folsom,	" "
Charles H. Brooks,	" "	Austin S. Garver,	1870, July 5.
John K. Browne,	1871, June 6.	Perley M. Griffin,	1871, June 6.
Almon T. Clarke,	" "	Frederick A. Hand,	1870, July 5.
William H. Cobb,	" "	William S. Howland,	1872, June 15.
Charles T. Collins,	1870, July 5.	E. Winthrop Jenney,	" "
Joseph Cook,	1867, Dec. 10.	Henry Ketchum,	1871, June 6.
Henry C. Crane,	1872, June 15.	James R. Kilbourn,	" "
Samuel H. Dana,	1871, June 6.	George W. Kinne,	1870, July 5.
Charles F. Dole,	1871, June 28.	William A. Lamb,	1872, June 15.
James D. Eaton,	1871, June 6.	Burke F. Leavitt,	1870, July 5.
James H. Ecob,	" "	Horace H. Leavitt,	1872, June 15.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Albert Livermore,	1872, June 15.	Edward G. Selden,	1872, June 15.
George E. Lovejoy,	1871, Oct. 3.	Joel M. Seymour,	" "
Thomas M. May,	1871, June 6.	Henry L. Talbot,	1872, Feb. 6.
Albert W. Moore,	" "	Roderic Terry,	1872, June 15.
George L. Nims,	1869, Oct. 19.	George H. Tilton,	" "
Samuel Ollerenshaw,	1871, June 6.	Anson P. Tinker,	1871, June 6.
Frederick Palmer,	1872, June 20.	Charles A. White,	1872, June 15.
M. Stuart Phelps,	1871, June 6.	Thomas R. Willard,	1869, Oct. 19.
Edward K. Rawson,	" "	John H. Williams,	1872, June 15.
Andrew J. Rogers,	1869, Oct. 19.	Robert M. Woods,	1871, June 6.
Darius B. Scott,	1871, June 6.	William H. Woodwell,	" "
George H. Scott,	" "	Newell S. Wright,	1872, June 15.

During the year, there has been no change in the number or names of the Associations.

The Associations do not comprise all the ministers in the State. A few pastors and acting pastors are not members, but their names are given with their churches. Ministers not in pastoral service and not members of Associations, are, necessarily, officially unknown to the General Association.

LICENTIATES. — Given under the respective Associations. Total now under care, 74. Number approbated during the year, 27.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. The following tables contain the names of every Congregational church in Massachusetts, whether the church reports or not, each in its own county. The counties are arranged in alphabetical order, except that Dukes and Nantucket are on the same page with Barnstable. Towns in each county are arranged alphabetically; churches in each town, according to age; and of each church, (1) its town, (2) its name (if it have a peculiar one,) which is always followed by "ch.," (3) its locality in the town, when that locality has a name distinct from the town; when the name of a church *follows* the name of a locality subordinate to the town, it shows that the church has a distinct number in that subdivision of the town.

2. The contracted headings to the columns of figures are more fully given with the Summary.

3. The column specifying Ministers is corrected up to the time of publication. Church members are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1872. Admissions, removals, and baptisms, cover the year 1871. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and total," but included in them. "Sabbath School" includes total membership of teachers and scholars Jan. 1, 1872, or when the school is in successful operation (if not at that date,) covering "branch schools" and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church; and the "average" attendance for the year 1871.

4. Dates earlier than 1752 are given in "old style." To reduce these to "new style,"—if it be a date in the 17th century, add ten days; if it be a date in the 18th century (prior to 1752,) add eleven days.

5. "Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry "by the laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate. "A. p." denotes "Acting pastor."

6. All *Post-office addresses* are to be found in the "Index of Ministers," and *not* in the tables. For churches, see "Index of Towns."

7. In no instance is the report of any church in these Statistics copied from the returns of previous years. But there is included in the *totals* of each county, a careful estimate of the numbers in any unreporting church, if there be such; and also the occasionally missing items of "absent," and "average attendance" in Sabbath Schools,—which are assumed to be, in each case, equivalent to the average percentage of their county.

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches.	1872, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.								Bap.	Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Barnstable, West,	1616,	Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	19	46	65	11	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	65	45	$109.30
" Centreville,	1840, May 23	Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13	1869, *A. p.*	27	76	103	17	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	64	82.27
" Hyannis,	1854, Jan. 3	None.			5	5	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720, June 15	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	25	82	107	21	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	1	193	95	40.25
Dennis, South,	1817, June 16	William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 10	1870, Feb. 10	31	82	113	16	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	1	115	85	80.00
" North,	1866, Mar. 17	[J. Price, *Meth.*]			12	32	44		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	35	
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708,	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, Oct. 24	68	155	223	40	3	3	6	3	4	0	7	0	3	180	105	925.00
" East,	1821, June 20	None.			28	45	73	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	25	30.00
" North,	1833, Aug. 1	Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22	1869, *A. p.*	28	60	88	23	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	40	33.00
" Waquoit,	1849, Jan. 8	James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12	1871, *A. p.*	30	74	104	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50		
Harwich,	1747, Nov. 6	Charles H. Whitney,	1871, Aug. 30	1871, *A. p.*	11	46	57	7	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	130		40 30
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855, Feb. 18	None.			17	43	60	7	7	0	7	2	0	2	4	3	0	200	140	140.00
Orleans, East,	1719,	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	19	95	114	18	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	150	100	261.25
Provincetown,	1714, Jan.	Leroy M. Pierce,	1870, Feb. 4	1871, *A. p.*	12	44	56	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	70	22.00
Sandwich,	1639, Oct.	Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May.	1871, *A. p.*	44	118	162	45	6	2	8	3	5	0	8	3	3	100		150.00
" Monument,	1833, July 9	No public ordinances.			5	19	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20		
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711, Nov. 1	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	26	52	78	12	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	100	75	55.00
" North,	1842, May 22	[H.W.S.Packard, *Meth.*]		1871, *A. p.*	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	50	18.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730,	Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1868, Feb. 19	80	119	199	19	22	0	22	9	2	0	11	12	0	178	102	220.00
" 2d ch., South,	1833, Dec. 4	William Leonard,	1844, July 7	1872, *A. p.*	35	58	93	17	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	120	60	90.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639,	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	48	107	155	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	175		422.00
" West,	1840, Sept. 30	No public ordinances.			4	18	22											0	0	
TOTAL: 22 churches.					577	1387	1964	299	42	14	56	46	24	2	72	20	16	2220	1388	$2,718.37

DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700,	None.			10	14	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Edgartown,	1641, July	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1870, *A. p.*	26	73	99	33	0	4	4	2	2	0	4	0	3	80		
Tisbury, 1st ch., West,	1673,	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p.*	32	37	69	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	65	$20.00
TOTAL: 3 churches.					68	124	192	36	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	0	3	182	130	$20.00

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1711,	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1862, *A. p.*	45	220	274	59	0	1	1	7	1	1	9	0	0	200	100	$175.00

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches.		1872, August. Ministers.			Ch. M. 1872, Jan. 1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.								Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827, Apr. 19	Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27	1871, Dec. 7	108	185	293	35	29	8	37	4	6	0	10	13	4	279	190	$288.07
" South,	1840, Jan. 1	Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	36	86	122	25	0	5	5	0	5	0	5	0	1	220	150	350 00
Becket, 1st ch.,	1758, Dec. 28	Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 12	1872, *A. p.*	17	36	53	16	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	59	29	45.00
" North,	1849, Sept. 25	J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9	1866, *A. p.*	41	66	107	27	2	2	4	1	8	0	9	2	0	79	53	100.00
Dalton,	1785, Feb. 16	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	21	43	64	10	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	100	60	239.65
Egremont, South,	1816, Nov. 22	Noadiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26	1872, *A. p.*	42	76	118	29	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	109	55	95.46
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743, Dec. 28	Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	59	138	197	20	7	7	14		4	0	4	3	3	201	134	706.94
" Housatonic,	1841, June 18	Archibald Burpee,	1855, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	30	56	86	20	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	2	100	60	100.41
Hinsdale,	1795, Dec. 17	Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1807, Sept. 19	1867, Sept. 19	82	132	214	28	1	5	6	6	4	0	10	0	2	211	136	1,778.22
Lanesborough,	1764, Mar. 28	Charles Newman,	1858, May 18	1863, *A. p.*	10	30	40	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	15	100.00
Lee,	1870, May 25	Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	144	269	413	70	1	5	6	3	7	0	10	1	5	375	275	3,165.03
Lenox,	1769,	Samuel H. Tolman,	1856, Aug. 14	1872, Apr. 2	63	120	183	51	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	4	160	80	300.00
Monterey,	1750, Sept. 25	[Geo. W. Kinne, *Lic.*]		1871, *A. p.*	27	68	95	23	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	170	72	23 45
New Marlboro'. 1st ch.,	1744, Oct. 31	Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	32	79	111	26	0	3	3	1	10	0	11	0	1	179	86	386.09
" Southfield,	1794, Apr. 25	S. R. Free,		1871, *A. p.*	10	26	36	7	1	0	1					1		43	30	
" Mill River,	1871, Jan. 16	None.			19	44	63	1	15	48	63	0	0	0	0		6	180	90	
Otis,	1779, Feb. 2	Irem W. Smith,		1872. *A. p.*	12	45	57	15	0	1	1	0	2	0	2			244	135	14 60
Peru,	1779,	Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20	1869, Feb. 2	45	68	113	7	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0		100	176.22
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764, Feb. 7	John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 3	1842, Feb. 16			571	169	4	0	4	12	6	0	18	1	8	645		*10,848.64
" 2d ch.,	1846, Sept. 20	Samuel Harrison,	1859, Jan. 1	1872, *A. p.*	7	20	27	5	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	5	5	40	25	
" South ch.,	1850, Nov. 12	Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6	1872, May 22	87	246	333	33	4	5	9	8	13	0	21	2	4	195	132	2,071.03
Richmond,	1765,	Lupton W. Curtis,		1869, *A. p.*	34	52	76	5	7	2	9	1	11	0	12	4	0	42	35	39.50
Sandisfield,	1756, Feb. 24	Elbridge Bradbury,	1839, Oct.	1869, Dec. 25	46	106	152	48	2	1	3	2	5	0	7	0	1	150	110	28.00
Sheffield,	1735, Oct. 22	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29	1869, Dec. 29	33	105	138	11	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	141	80	517.58
Stockbridge,	1734,	E. Cornelius Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11	1870, June 16	68	153	221		3	9	12	3	7	0	10	1	5	220	155	3,297.44
" Curtisville,	1824, Dec. 22	None.			20	41	61	13	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	1	75	56	85.00
Washington, Un. ch.,	1772,	None.					34	12										0	0	
W. Stockbridge, Centre,	1789, June 14	Lewis Pennell, (*retired,*)	1833, Sept. 17	1854, Dec. 6	10	26	36	12	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
" Village,	1833,	None.			35	70	105	10	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	181	105	150.00
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765,	None.			133	204	337	96	21	3	24	4	5	0	9	1	5	125	90	265.00
" College ch.,	1834, June 15	Mark Hopkins, D. D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	23	5	28	14	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch., South,	1836,	None.			15	26	41	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	85	32	12.00
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772.	None.			9	12	21	4	0	0	0		4	0	4	0	1	70	60	15.70
TOTAL: 33 churches.					1520	3036	4556	1015	112	119	231	67	127	2	196	36	53	4868	3033	$26,098.91

* Also $10,000 to Chicago.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Churches. 1872, August.		Ministers.			Ch. M. 1872, Jan. 1.				Admit.—1871.—Rem.							Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Attleboro', 1st ch., West.	1712, Nov. 12	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1869, *A. p.*	27	70	97	21	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	113	67	$206.28
" 2d ch., East,	1748, Nov. 30	None.			60	174	234		2	6	8	5	1	0	6	2	4	381	210	1,339.52
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737, Nov. 1	James O. Barney,	1824, Feb. 4	1868, *A. p.*	54	83	137	19	6	1	7	3	0	0	3	4		130	175	100.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1848, June 30	J. Austin Roberts,	1824, Oct. 20	1856, Nov. 17	7	23	30		0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	60	50	
Dartmouth, South,	1807, April	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	14	39	53	13	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	134	90	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710, reo. 1826	Ebenezer Dawes, Jr.,	1864, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	36	59	95	11	22	1	23	0	0	0	0	16	1	90	55	115.45
Easton,	Unknown.	D. Warren Richardson,	1862, Aug. 14	1869, *A. p.*	38	100	138	38	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	191	109	497.38
Fairhaven,	1794, July 23	None.			49	169	218	32	2	1	3		9	0	9	0	0			
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816, Jan. 9	William W. Adams,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	50	155	205	57	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	3	428	288	1,348.57
" Central ch.,	1842, Nov. 16	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	115	188	303	60	2	7	9	5	7	0	12	1	6	816		3,084.75
Freetown, Assonet,	1807, Apr. 24	None.			20	35	55	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	62	
Mansfield,	1838, May 9	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26	1856, Mar. 26	40	76	116	9	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3	214		*
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696,	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	9	11	20	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	100	70	73.00
" North ch.,	1807, Oct. 15	Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	122	281	403	113	2	3	5	6	2	0	8	1	7	387	260	3,367.58
" Trin. ch.,	1831, Nov. 15	None.			58	99	157	13	15	14	29	1	2	0	3	5	6	312	228	1,227.56
" Pacific ch.,	1844, Oct. 8	Theodore C. Jerome,	1872, July 2	1872, July 2	41	125	166	40	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	252	154	278.45
Norton,	1832, Apr. 3	Timothy Atkinson,	1832, Oct.	1872, *A. p.*	29	88	117	47	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	112	65	125.00
Raynham,	1731, Oct. 19	Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29	1870, *A. p.*	45	98	143	36	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	117	98	
Rehoboth,	1721, Nov. 29	Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12	1870, *A. p.*	49	86	135	22				1	3	0	4	0	0	186		123.68
Seekonk, (and East Providence, R. I.,)	1623 (?)	None.			70	99	169	38	3	1	4	2	4	0	6			154	125	122.25
Somerset,	1861, July 3	Leander S. Coan,	1863, June 18	1871, *A. p.*	20	31	51	10	8	8	16	0	4	0	4	8	1	80	50	30.00
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637, May	Thomas T. Richmond,	1852, July 17	1860, May 16	33	79	112		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	100	70	500.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1821, Aug. 17	{ Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29	1826, Jan. 18			440	100	0	2	2						1	250	175	
		{ Stephen M. Newman,	1871, Oct. 7	1871, Oct. 7																
" Winslow ch.,	1837, Jan. 12	Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	67	135	202	37	0	5	5	2	5	0	7	0	2	301	167	
" Ev. Cong. ch., East,	1853, June 16	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1865, *A. p.*	9	25	34	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	50	99.37
" Un. ch., Whittenton,	1868, Apr. 2	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29	1868, *A. p.*	24	53	77	5	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	5	190	140	125.00
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.,	1858, May 31	Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23	1868, June 30	7	23	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	64	89.54
TOTAL: 27 churches.					1231	2706	3937	734	78	54	132	44	60	0	104	49	46	5563	3831	$12,853.38

* $15,000 for repairs.

ESSEX COUNTY.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amesbury, West,	1726, May 19	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	88	170	258	9	3	2	5	3	0	1	4	2	4	282	175	$1,184.76
" Mills,	1831, Dec. 6	Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 4	1871, Dec. 27	51	144	195	30	0	0	0	4	4	1	9	0	2	200	160	1,965.00
" and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch.,	1835, Oct. 14	W. D. Corken, M. D.,	1859,	1871, *A. p.*	32	71	103		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	160		
Andover, South ch.,	1711, Oct. 17	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10	1861, Dec. 18	76	249	325	61	3	6	9	7	3	0	10	2	1	238	181	5,375.08
" West ch.,	1826, Dec. 5	James H. Merrill,	1830, Nov. 26	1856, Apr. 30	71	164	235	40	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	1	0	165	120	3,764.38
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846, May 7	George F. Wright,	1863, Aug. 28	1872, *A. p.*	49	132	181	48	3	10	13	0	7	0	7	2	6	200	157	5,210.18
" Ballard Vale,	1854, Dec. 31	Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27	1855, Apr. 1	10	42	52	5	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	5		110	162.03
" Theo. Sem. ch.,	1865, Nov. 1	*Professors.*		*A. p.*	31	39	70	9	1	1	2	3	7	0	10	0	1	200		
Beverly, North,	1715, Dec. 28	Joseph W. Tarleton,	1850, Dec. 5	1871, *A. p.*	8	20	28	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	103	56	193.40
" Dane st. ch.,	1802, Nov. 9	Orpheus T. Lanphear,	1849, Oct. 25	1867, Oct. 23	78	174	252	5	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	0	0	464	325	1,285.78
" Washington st. ch.,	1837, Feb. 8	Charles Van Norden,	1866, Dec. 19	1868, Mar. 18	46	124	170	11	1	8	9	2	5	0	7	1	4	225	135	684.31
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702,	Sereno D Gammell,	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	30	75	105	24	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	3	150	112	2,350.00
" West,	1736, Dec. 9	O. S. Butler,			17	31	48	3	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	45	105.96
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682, Dec. 27	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24	1866, Jan. 11	114	230	344	35	4	3	7	6	1	0	7	4	0	507	325	1,391.62
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671,	Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7	1863, Sept. 2	41	139	180	10	2	0	2	8	4	0	12	2	1	370	220	807.37
" Maple st. ch.,	1844, Dec. 5	James Brand,	1869, Oct. 6	1869, Oct. 6	85	196	281		11	11	22	1	0	0	1	0	6	440	295	1,400.36
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681, Sept. 9	D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June 18	1870, June 30	36	95	131	6	6	0	6	3	1	0	4	4	1	200	145	360.53
Georgetown,	1732, Oct. 4	Charles Beecher,	1844, Nov. 9	1857, Nov. 19	45	113	158	28	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	3	1	172	100	271.71
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1804, Jan. 27	D. Dana Marsh,	1808, Sept. 16	1808, Sept. 16	33	82	115	12	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	1	150	108	581.19
Gloucester, West,	1716, Oct. 4	Charles D. Pigeon,	1840,	1868, *A. p.*	12	13	25	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	28	20.00
" Harbor, Ev. ch.,	1829, Nov. 17	S. Willard Segur,	1862, May 28	1871, June 14	52	121	173	21	6	4	10	4	8	0	12	2	3	222	159	953.97
" Lanesville,	1830, Aug. 25	William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28	1871, *A. p.*	29	58	87	10	8	3	11	1	1	0	2			185	116	49.10
Groveland,	1727, June 7	John C. Paine,	1838, June 6	1870, Apr. 20	32	89	121	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	190	100	236.13
Hamilton,	1714, Oct. 27	None.			41	73	114	31	0	0	0	4	12	1	17	0	2		70	212.85
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735, Oct. 22	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17	1866, Nov. 8	58	79	137	22	27	2	29	0	2	0	2	23	8	142	95	273.55
" East,	1744, Nov. 28	None.			5	17	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	33	20.00
" Centre,	1833, Aug. 28	Charles M. Hyde, D. D.,	1862, Aug. 19	1870, Nov. 15	65	160	225	25	5	10	15	8	4	0	12	0	4	250	165	1,756.28
" " No. ch.,	1850, Mar. 30	Raymond H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July 5	1860, Aug. 8	90	200	290	32	8	8	16	2	3	1	6	5	6	401	260	5,691.98
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634,	Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, Feb. 5	43	155	198	35	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	202	138	271.71
" South ch.,	1747, Aug. 22	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1	1868, Jan. 1	29	134	163	41	2	2	4	7	0	0	7	2	0	150	100	435.88
" and Rowley—Linebrook,	1749, Nov. 15	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov. 5	1871, May 3	26	36	62	43	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	33	40.89
Lawrence, Lawr. st. ch.,	1847, Apr. 19	Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug. 23	1859, Apr. 13	137	295	432	125	2	5	7	3	9	1	13	0	6	475	325	3,016.87
" Central ch.,	1849, Dec. 25	William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13	1867, Nov. 13	121	258	379	200	16	9	25	3	8	0	11	5	4	120	98	850.00
" Elliot ch.,	1865, Oct. 4.	Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6	1871, June 14	32	73	105	25	0	4	4	2	11	0	13	0	2	110	85	* 365.00
" South ch.,	1868, May 13	None.			22	38	60	7	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	147	106	104.00
" Free ch.,	1868, Oct. 15	None.			19	40	59	6	15	4	19	2	11	0	13	0	7	80	60	29.00

* $13,750 paid on church debt.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762, Nov. 19	Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	17	42	59	12	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	60	45	
" Cong. ch.,	1819, Sept. 5	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	41	86	127	12	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	60	$300.00
Blandford,	1735,	None.			31	67	98	6	9	6	15	4	5	0	9	5	8	226	125	114.92
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724, Nov. 18	M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1	1870, Dec. 1	51	136	187	16	0	4	4	5	9	1	15	0	4	230	109	990.76
Chester, Centre,	1760, Dec. 20	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	28	40	68	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
" 2d ch., Depot,	1844, Nov. 13	Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21	1865, *A. p.*	12	24	36	2	9	0	9	3	3	0	6	7	0	72		19.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752, Sept. 27	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	28	48	76	5	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	68	51	406.00
" 2d ch., Falls,	1830, July 3	Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16	1868, Apr. 8	64	116	180	41	6	3	9	3	11	0	14	4	1	117	74	848.46
" 3d ch.,	1834, Oct. 16	Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20	1869, June 10	59	150	209	16	7	7	14	5	14	0	19	3	7	401	244	910.51
Granville, East,	1747,	Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24	1871, Dec. 13	19	41	60	10	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	35		25.00
" West,	1786,	Henry H. Olds,	1872, May 22	1872, May 22	23	34	57	8	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	90	63	31.41
Holland,	1765, Sept. 12	Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9	1868, Dec. 9	15	27	42	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	40	57.50
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1799, Dec. 4	Charles E. Cooledge,	1871, May 24	1871, May 24	33	57	90	10	28	6	34	2	2	0	4	26	0	60	45	
" 2d ch.,	1849, May 24	John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	79	204	283	43	11	17	28	2	7	0	9	8	0	300	240	700.00
Longmeadow,	1716, Oct. 17	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	33	92	125	5	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	0	4	100	85	900.00
" East,	1829, Apr. 22	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	31	72	103	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	50	240 00
Ludlow,	1790,	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Dec. 21	1866, Nov. 2	32	97	129	28	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	2	1	200	120	138.73
" Mills,	1867, Jan. 6	Henry E. Crocker,		1871, *A. p.*	6	20	26	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0			60	50	
Monson,	1762, May 23	Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	68	154	222	42	1	0	1	5	0	1	6	1	3	230	136	1,300.00
Montgomery,	1797, June 30	*No public services.*			2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1753,	Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	50	70	20	12	4	16	2	0	0	2	9	4	100	75	129.78
" 2d ch.,	1847, Nov. 1	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	33	89	122	13	2	8	10	5	1	0	6	1	3	169	87	103.88
Southwick,	1773, Aug. 16	Timothy Lyman,	1850, Nov. 23	1871, *A. p.*	17	50	67	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	70	50	19.96
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637,	Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	166	436	602	79	12	35	47	14	14	0	28	9	11	565	340	4,276.55
" Olivet ch.,	1833, Jan. 8	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	74	194	278	24	7	12	19	4	8	6	18	2	2	262	181	1,232.27
" South ch.,	1842, Mar. 23	S. G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	128	243	371	35	30	5	35	10	8	0	18	9	3	502	395	9,842.89
" North ch.,	1846, Oct. 28	Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25	1866, Sept. 19	136	230	366	86	10	9	19	5	24	0	29	5	6	310	207	1,500.00
" Indian Orchard,	1848, Mar. 23	Stephen Harris,	1861, Oct. 24	1871, *A. p.*	15	29	44	17	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	78	63	178.00
" Sanford st. ch.,	1864, Feb. 24	Milan C. Stebbins,	1864, Oct. 25	1871, *A. p.*	17	22	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		60	20.00
Tolland,	1797,	Irem W. Smith,	1858, Aug. 18	1870, June 15	39	60	99	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2		75	14.00
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679, Aug. 27	None.			92	145	237	56	4	17	21	8	4	1	13	2	4	293	241	1,074.40
" 2d ch.,	1856, May 22	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	104	168	272	38	7	4	11	2	10	0	12	5	4	350	225	2,026.17
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698, June	John M. Chapin,	1872, June 19	1872, June 19	39	86	125	41	0	0	0	1	87	0	88	0	0	92	82	261.65
" Mittineaque,	1850, Jan. 10	Henry M. Rogers,	1865, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	19	52	71	15	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	120	72	79.65
" Park st. ch.,	1871, July 17	None.			19	56	75	0	0	75	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	106	90.56
Wilbraham,	1741, June 24	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	70	132	202	57	3	4	7	3	5	0	8	2	1	185	99	250.00
" South,	1785,	Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12	1869, Mar. 3	42	70	112	13	3	6	9	3	5	0	8	3	1	60	40	100.00
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1702	3637	5339	828	170	243	413	107	247	9	363	104	74	6015	4047	$28,182.05

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Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739, Nov. 7	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 18	1863, Sept. 24	112	277	389	55	2	7	9	8	6	0	14	0	6	225	183	$1,914.19
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782, Nov. 11	Charles A. Conant,	1864, July 2	1872, *A. p.*	55	140	195	46	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	121	97	
" College ch.,	1826, Mar. 7	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns, D.D.	1831, Dec. 17	1854, Nov. 21	45	25	70	0	2	10	12	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1,346.50
" " Mission Branch,					3	7	10	0	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	7	5		40	
" North ch., North,	1826, Nov. 15	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 10	1867, Sept. 19	93	146	239	14	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	4	204	140	877.00
" ch. of South,	1858, June 8	George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 14	1869, May 5	44	73	117	13	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	3	140	92	285.00
Belchertown,	1737,	Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10	1871, May 10	99	213	312	40	37	6	43	7	5	0	12	18	4	260	172	521.93
Chesterfield,	1764, Oct. 30	Isaiah P. Smith,		1872, *A. p.*	9	25	34	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	105	71	260.00
Cummington, E. Vil. ch.,	1839, July 1	William M. Gay,	1863, Mar. 31	1870, *A. p.*	37	60	97	9	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	2	100	75	91.42
" West Village ch.,	1840, Sept. 20	John U. Parsons,	1831, Sept. 12	1872, *A. p.*	12	24	36	3	2	0	2	2	1	0	3				35	
Easthampton, 1st ch.,	1785, Nov. 17	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10	1853, Mar. 2	91	186	277	12	4	9	13	4	4	0	8	0	4			679.00
" Payson ch.,	1852, Dec. 28	Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17	1863, Oct. 14	131	269	400	36	29	11	40	3	9	0	12	6	15	328	213	2,050.00
Enfield,	1790,	Edward C. Ewing,	1853, Nov. 5	1867, Oct. 9	82	174	256	28	51	4	55	3	6	0	9	33	7	200	141	1,389.71
Goshen,	1780, Dec. 21	Townsend Walker,	1844, Mar. 14	1868, Sept. 29	20	53	73	12	6	1	7	0	1	0	1	3	0	70	55	75.44
Granby,	1762,	Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7	1871, Mar. 1	70	133	203	17	2	14	16	3	15	0	18	1	2	255	160	872.94
Greenwich,	1749,	Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 5	1843, July 5	40	97	137	34	7	2	9	3	4	0	7	1	1	155	88	390.60
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659,	Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12	1848, Jan. 12	51	111	162	13	2	1	3	5	6	0	11	0		167	100	366.52
" 2d ch., North,	1831, Oct. 26	None.			42	81	123	30	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	175	115	306.00
" Russell ch.,	1841, July 15	Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25	1864, Sept. 27	27	75	102	12	6	2	8	1	2	0	3	3	2	60	48	756.11
Hatfield,	1670,	John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct. 9	1870, May 4	92	164	256	10	34	3	37	2	4	1	7	17	3	175	129	2,125.21
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778, July	Edwin S. Tingley,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, *A. p.*	30	50	80	8	0	1	1	5	5	0	10	0	0	85	55	69.00
" 2d ch.,	1846, Aug. 26	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20	1867, Apr. 10	29	68	97	8	18	5	23	2	10	0	12	12	2	108	70	136.06
Middlefield,	1783, Nov. 18	Charles M. Peirce,	1863, Sept. 2	1868, July 1	41	66	107	20	9	4	13	2	6	0	8	6	3	128	84	463.82
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661, June 18	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec. 1	1867, Apr. 30	140	346	486	50	2	6	8	5	10	0	15	2	8	300	225	6,500.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833, Jan. 30	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25	1852, Jan. 2	106	226	332	12	9	9	18	4	4	0	8	5	3	200		*
" Florence ch.,	1861, Oct. 9	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20	1866, Dec. 6	72	100	232	32	40	18	58	2	6	0	8	32		300	175	1,156.00
Pelham,	1837, Oct. 26	None.			11	30	41	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
" Packardville,	1870, Jan. 5	William K. Vail,	1866, Feb. 21	1871, June 28	16	9	25	5	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	50	4.00
Plainfield,	1786, Aug. 31	Solomon Clark,	1841, Apr. 12	1858, *A. p.*	56	86	142	28	3	2	5	5	7	0	12	3	9	205	115	120.50
Prescott,	1823, Jan. 15	David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20	1858, June 8	18	28	46	10	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	68	40	
Southampton,	1743, June 8	Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26	1860, Jan. 5	96	157	253	48	0	2	2	5	13	0	18	0	1	146	112	455.00
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733, (about)	J. Henry Bliss,	1869, Nov. 28	1871, Jan. 11	118	219	337	29	11	10	21	3	23	3	29	7	8	300	214	866.86
" Falls,	1824, Aug. 12	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27	1867, Oct. 2	59	105	164	26	13	4	17	2	3	2	7	11	2	173	135	621.45
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824, Aug. 12	Richard Knight,	1837, May 6	1856, Sept. 10	45	106	151	41	9	2	11	2	6	0	8	2	4	188	151	953.20
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751, May 9	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16	1861, Oct. 10	36	103	139	30	6	2	8	2	4	0	6	3	1	178	98	289.91
" East ch.,	1826, Apr. 26	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.,	1844, Sept. 18	1855, Dec. 5	99	225	324	42	12	5	17	2	5	0	7	3	12	450	272	†4,137.53
Westhampton,	1779, Sept. 1	Pliny F. Barnard,	1847, Jan. 14	1870, June 30	83	113	196	28	5	0	5	2	6	0	8	3	9	175	115	575.75
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771, July	[John F. Gleason, *Lic.*		1872, *A. p.*	85	158	243	34	10	14	24	2	4	1	7	5	3	200	133	722.75
" Haydenville,	1851, Jan. 4	James P. Kimball,	1857, Mar. 12	1871, Nov. 8	46	145	191	36	43	13	56	4	7	0	11	20	2	305	228	1,540.74
Worthington,	1771, Apr. 1	Joseph F. Gaylord,	1867, Nov. 7	1870, Aug. 3	61	106	167	24	43	8	51	3	9	0	12	20	2	215	120	234.50
TOTAL: 39 churches.					2402	4839	7241	924	428	190	618	105	209	7	321	229	129	5618	4644	$33,154.64

* Church burned.

† Also $10,000 to Williams College.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Churches.	1872, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Acton,	1832, Mar. 13	Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 24	1871, *P. e.*	52	110	162	33	3	9	12	3	4	0	7	3	2	150	114	$407.78
Arlington,	1842, Dec. 14	Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	41	113	154	26	26	4	30	0	8	0	8	8	3	212	156	2,604.30
Ashby,	1776, June 12	James M. Bacon,	1846, Oct. 8	1870, Nov. 2	59	116	175	30	3	3	6	3	6	1	10	2	0	217	175	412.00
Ashland,	1835, Jan. 21	Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29	1868, Dec. 29	42	80	122	12	6	5	11	4	13	0	17	4	0	175	104	173.18
Ayer,	1861, Sept. 5	Francis J. Fairbanks,	1864, Aug. 31	1872, *A. p.*	21	41	62	29	0	3	3	1	6	0	7	0	0	140	85	43.91
Bedford,	1730, July 15	Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8	1869, Feb. 17	38	111	149	63	3	2	5	2	4	0	6	3	2	130	90	150.22
Belmont, Waverley,	1865, July 11	Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19	1866, Feb. 1	11	14	25	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	25	* 320.00
Billerica,	1829, Apr. 20	None.			15	30	45	3	1	6	7	1	2	0	3	0	0	72	54	100.00
Boxborough,	1784, Apr. 29	Daniel Mc Clenning,	1851, Apr. 23	1869, *A. p.*	28	26	54	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	60	104.42
Brighton,	1827, Sept. 13	David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21	1866, Dec. 6	36	88	124	29	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	2	1	158	125	925.11
Burlington,	1735, Oct. 29	Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19	1867, Dec. 19	16	37	53	6	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	3	3	75	51	140.00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636, Feb. 1	Alexander Mc Kenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	122	297	419		13	5	18	8	11	0	19	2	7	353	242	
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827, Sept. 20	None.			139	325	464	108	2	6	8		9		9		6	475	283	2,273.12
" East,	1842, Sept. 8	None.			36	74	110	34	12	3	15	0	5	0	5			175	115	350.00
" North Avenue,	1857, Sept. 23	David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	103	203	306		35	20	55	2	4	0	6	11	3	256	182	950.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1865, Nov. 21	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	77	145	222	22	13	25	38	1	0	0	1	4	21	450	311	297.75
Carlisle,	1830, May 5	Moses Patten,	1860, June 7	1871, *A. p.*	12	46	58	22	3	4	7	1	1	0	2	1	0	63	43	104.55
Charlestown, 1st ch.,	1632, Nov. 2	None.			106	206	312	40	1	4	5	8	3	0	11	1	2	230		336.33
" Winthrop ch.,	1833, Jan. 9	Alexander S. Twombly,	1859, Feb. 10	1872, May 2	141	343	484		6	6	12	6	19	0	25	3	5	580	385	3,150.00
Chelmsford, 2d ch., Nor.,	1824, Apr. 27	Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 21	1870,	27	58	85	23	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	2	125	87	145.00
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826,	Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1	1872, *P. e.*	21	59	80		0	5	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	80	50	
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721, Mar. 29	None.			15	48	63	14	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	3	85	65	62.76
" Pawtucket ch.,	1797, Aug. 31	Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Sept. 1	45	73	118	35	1	8	9	2	3	0	5	1	1	120	71	250.00
" Central ch.,	1847, July 25	Elias Nason,	1852, May 5	1868, *A. p.*	29	42	71	15	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	60	35.00
Dunstable,	1757, May 12	None.			19	46	65	17	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	0	1	125	60	540.71
Everett,	1861, Oct. 30	Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23	1869, Mar. 25	31	70	101	14	8	5	13	2	0	0	2	3	2	200	143	240.00
Framingham, Plym. ch.,	1701, Dec. 8	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	81	213	294	25	2	18	20	3	6	0	9	2	4	285	150	2,127.00
" Saxonville, Edw. ch.,	1835, May 26	Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15	1870, Nov. 3	38	105	143	53	7	9	16	3	5	0	8	1	2	100	70	† 258.65
Groton,	1664, July 12	Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb. 16	1870, June 1	81	177	258	30	29	10	39	7	2	0	9	18	9	219	146	1,325.68
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728, Nov. 20	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Oct. 28	1870, Oct. 13	98	303	401	30	0	11	11	4	18	0	22	0	1	328	225	2,195.75
Hopkinton,	1724, Sept. 2	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	66	133	199	30	10	9	19	2	1	0	3				184	3,083.98
Lexington, Hancock ch.,	1868, May 20	Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	14	30	44	5	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	2	2	70	40	200.00
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747, Aug. 18	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	29	65	94	14	8	4	12	3	0	0	3	3	2	125	85	475.00
Littleton,	1840, May 14	Henry E. Cooley,	1866, Aug. 7	1872, May 9	22	34	56	10	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	55	516.62
Lowell, 1st Cong. ch.,	1826, June 6	Smith Baker, Jr.,	1860, July 30	1871, Sept. 13	91	312	403	100	3	7	10	2	13	0	15	3	0	456	272	469.51
" Appleton st. ch.,	1830, Dec. 2	John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	60	229	289	82	1	6	7	8	7	0	15	0	0	317	218	525.57
" John st. ch.,	1839, May 9	Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	81	264	345	69	0	6	6	3	9	0	12	0	0	440	245	1,074.43
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845, May 21	Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13	1871, July 13	100	284	384	100	2	7	9	4	13	0	17	2	0	298	204	1,729.81
" High st. ch.,	1846, Jan. 22	Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3	1857, Sept. 16	77	137	214	50	1	3	4	2	6	0	8	1	3	380	210	501.54

* And $2,300 on debt. † New chapel, $3,470.

Malden, 1st ch.,	1649,	Addison P. Foster,	1806, Oct. 3	1871, Mar. 29	105	208	313	48	30	24	54	1	5	0	6	13	17	528	356	$1,740.26
Marlborough, Un. ch.,	1836, Mar. 18	Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30	1870, Mar. 30	68	156	224	18	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	1	0	190	170	1,036.00
Maynard,	1852, Sept. 23	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1870, *A. p.*	66	113	179	36	61	10	71	1	6	0	7	33	1	310	255	270.00
Medford, 1st Tr. Con. ch.,	1823, Oct. 2	James T. McCollum,	1841, June 25	1865, Nov. 8	53	141	194	63	11	4	15	1	6	0	7	7	2	166	125	2,264.21
" Mystic ch.,	1847, July 6	Solon Cobb,	1865, Oct.	1869, Nov. 3	55	136	191	28	7	10	17	3	1	1	5	4	1	160	128	1,870.00
[" West,	1872, June 12	None.					25	]												
Melrose,	1848, July 11	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	47	100	147	24	0	9	9	1	6	0	7	0	2	278	175	833.02
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802, Feb.	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 17	105	200	305	40	4	6	10	3	7	0	10	3	3	400	275	1,834.62
" John Eliot ch., So.,	1859, Nov. 16	Gorham D. Abbott, D.D.,		1871, *A. p.*	15	33	48	9	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	80	50	138.83
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664, July 20	Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	82	145	227	33	10	4	14	3	4	0	7	6	5	156	120	4,800.00
" 2d ch., West,	1781, Oct. 21	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1860, Sept. 26	76	136	212	44	3	6	9	3	4	0	7	1	1	275	180	1,663.52
" Eliot ch.,	1845, July 1	J. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18	1856, June 11	133	254	387	68	4	15	19	8	6	0	14	1	14	365	256	9,277.25
" Auburndale,	1850, Nov. 14	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	54	80	134	26	13	10	23	3	12	0	15	2	4	208	139	4,472.41
" North Vill.,	1866, July 11	Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	21	48	69	20	7	2	9	0	3	0	3	1	3	174	131	50.00
" Newtonville,	1868, Sept. 8	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1868, Sept. 8	36	68	104	5	3	9	12	1	0	0	1	2	6	180	104	1,273.75
[" Highlands,	1872, July 9	None.					29	]												
North Reading,	1720, June 29	Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866, June 28	1872, *R. e*	15	71	86	5	11	2	13	5	1	0	6	5	0	80	68	329.18
Pepperell,	1747, Jan. 29	Horace Parker,	1861, May 31	1870, Mar. 17	114	232	346	44	51	6	57	10	2	7	19	42	2	312		938.62
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770, Feb. 21	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1872, Feb. 14	43	101	144		0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	175	109	119.01
" Bethesda ch.,	1849, Apr. 17	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	69	150	219	22	7	5	12	6	3	0	9	3	4	275	178	773.76
Sherborn,	1685, Mar. 26	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	47	95	142	12	0	4	4	3	6	0	9	0	3	154	100	260.00
Shirley, Village,	1828, Mar. 12	Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15	1870, Apr. 20	20	56	76	20	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	75	75.00
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855, May 3	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1872, Feb. 1	105	205	310		20	13	33		22	0	22			522	327	988.00
" North, Winter Hill,	1864, June 14	None.			33	51	84	9	1	8	9	1	3	0	4	1		256	163	528.00
Stoneham,	1729, July 2	None.			28	87	115	23	0	2	2	2	6	0	8	0	0	178	96	155.74
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640, Aug.	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1870, Feb. 1	60	130	190	33	7	0	7	4	0	0	4	3	1	170	109	730.00
Tewksbury,	1735, Nov. 23	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29	1871, Nov. 1	40	94	134	42	0	2	2	3	4	0	7	0	2	134	95	216.00
Townsend,	1734, Oct. 16	George H. Morss,	1864, May 11	1869, *A. p.*	81	165	246	30	21	6	27	5	7	0	12	9	0	200	140	547.63
Tyngsborough,	1868, Apr. 7	None.			11	30	41	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	53	71.98
Wakefield,	1645, Nov. 5	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	69	136	205	15	3	0	3	8	0	1	9	3	2	250	186	950.00
Waltham,	1820, Sept. 28	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	48	150	198	28	4	18	22	4	2	0	6	6	8	208	130	816.76
Watertown, Phillips ch.,	1855, Apr. 17	Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26	1872, July 5	40	107	147	41	2	5	7	2	2	0	4			110	77	233.79
Wayland,	1828, May 21	None.			40	85	125	35	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	90		60.21
Westford,	1828, Dec. 25	None.			26	76	102	6	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	3	0	60	40	134.00
Wilmington,	1733, Oct. 24	Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22	1871, Apr. 13	39	91	130	17	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	1	146	117	284.49
Winchester,	1840, Nov. 19	Edwin C. Bissell,	1859, Sept. 21	1871, Nov. 1	119	198	317	62	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	0	1	360	228	6,491.97
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642, Aug. 14	None.			213	324	537	93	5	14	19	5	12	0	17	3	16	398	333	3,104.00
" North,	1849, Nov. 22	Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30	1869, *A. p.*	17	48	65	16	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	116	64	135.00
TOTAL: 75 churches.					4313	9587	13900	2514	519	434	953	201	339	11	551	241	187	16010	10819	$78,266.69

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Barnstable, West,	1616,	Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	19	46	65	11	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	65	45	$109.30
" Centreville,	1840, May 23	Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13	1869, *A. p.*	27	76	103	17	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	64	82.27
" Hyannis,	1854, Jan. 3	None.			5	5	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720, June 15	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	25	82	107	21	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	1	193	95	40.25
Dennis, South,	1817, June 16	William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 10	1870, Feb. 10	31	82	113	16	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	1	115	85	80.00
" North,	1866, Mar. 17	[J. Price, *Meth.*]			12	32	44		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	35	
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708,	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, Oct. 24	68	155	223	40	3	3	6	3	4	0	7	0	3	180	105	925.00
" East,	1821, June 20	None.			28	45	73	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	25	30.00
" North,	1833, Aug. 1	Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22	1869, *A. p.*	28	60	88	23	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	40	33.00
" Waquoit,	1849, Jan. 8	James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12	1871, *A. p.*	30	74	104	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50		
Harwich,	1747, Nov. 6	Charles H. Whitney,	1871, Aug. 30	1871, *A. p.*	11	46	57	7	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	130		40 30
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855, Feb. 18	None.			17	43	60	7	7	0	7	2	0	2	4	3	0	200	140	140.00
Orleans, East,	1719,	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	19	95	114	18	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	150	100	261.25
Provincetown,	1714, Jan.	Leroy M. Pierce,	1870, Feb. 4	1871, *A. p.*	12	44	56	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	70	22.00
Sandwich,	1639, Oct.	Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May.	1871, *A. p.*	44	118	162	45	6	2	8	3	5	0	8	3	3	100		150.00
" Monument,	1833, July 9	No public ordinances.			5	19	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20		
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711, Nov. 1	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	26	52	78	12	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	100	75	55.00
" North,	1842, May 22	[H.W.S.Packard, *Meth.*]		1871, *A. p.*	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	50	18.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730,	Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1868, Feb. 19	80	119	199	19	22	0	22	9	2	0	11	12	0	178	102	220.00
" 2d ch., South,	1833, Dec. 4	William Leonard,	1844, July 7	1872, *A. p.*	35	58	93	17	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	120	60	90.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639,	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	48	107	155	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	175		422.00
" West,	1840, Sept. 30	No public ordinances.			4	18	22											0	0	
TOTAL: 22 churches.					577	1387	1964	299	42	14	56	46	24	2	72	20	16	2220	1388	$2,718.37

DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700,	None.			10	14	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Edgartown,	1641, July	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1870, *A. p.*	26	73	99	33	0	4	4	2	2	0	4	0	3	80		
Tisbury, 1st ch., West,	1673,	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p.*	32	37	69	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	65	$20.00
TOTAL: 3 churches.					68	124	192	36	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	0	3	182	130	$20.00

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1711,	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1862, *A. p.*	45	229	274	59	0	1	1	7	1	1	9	0	0	200	160	$175.00

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827, Apr. 19	Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27	1871, Dec. 7	108	185	293	35	29	8	37	4	6	0	10	13	4	279	190	$288.07
" South,	1840, Jan. 1	Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	36	86	122	25	0	5	5	0	5	0	5	0	1	220	150	350 00
Becket, 1st ch.,	1758, Dec. 28	Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 12	1872, *A. p.*	17	36	53	16	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	59	29	45.00
" North,	1849, Sept. 25	J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9	1866, *A. p.*	41	66	107	27	2	2	4	1	8	0	9	2	0	79	53	100.00
Dalton,	1785, Feb. 16	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	21	43	64	10	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	100	60	239.65
Egremont, South,	1816, Nov. 22	Noadiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26	1872, *A. p.*	42	76	118	29	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	109	55	95.46
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743, Dec. 28	Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	59	138	197	20	7	7	14		4	0	4	3	3	201	134	706.94
" Housatonic,	1841, June 18	Archibald Burpee,	1855, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	30	56	86	20	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	2	100	60	100.41
Hinsdale,	1795, Dec. 17	Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1807, Sept. 19	1867, Sept. 19	82	132	214	28	1	5	6	6	4	0	10	0	2	211	136	1,778.22
Lanesborough,	1764, Mar. 28	Charles Newman,	1858, May 18	1863, *A. p.*	10	30	40	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	15	100.00
Lee,	1870, May 25	Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	144	269	413	70	1	5	6	3	7	0	10	1	5	375	275	3,165.00
Lenox,	1769,	Samuel H. Tolman,	1856, Aug. 14	1872, Apr. 2	63	120	183	51	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	4	160	80	300.00
Monterey,	1750, Sept. 25	[Geo. W. Kinne, *Lic.*]		1871, *A. p.*	27	68	95	23	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	170	72	23.45
New Marlboro', 1st ch.,	1744, Oct. 31	Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	32	79	111	26	0	3	3	1	10	0	11	0	1	179	86	386.00
" Southfield,	1794, Apr. 25	S. R. Free,		1871, *A. p.*	10	26	36	7	1	0	1					1		43	30	
" Mill River,	1871, Jan. 16	None.			19	44	63	1	15	48	63	0	0	0	0		0	180	90	
Otis,	1779, Feb. 2	Irem W. Smith,		1872, *A. p.*	12	45	57	15	0	1	1	0	2	0	2			244	135	14.60
Peru,	1770,	Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20	1869, Feb. 2	45	68	113	7	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0		100	176.22
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764, Feb. 7	John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 3	1842, Feb. 16			571	169	4	0	4	12	6	0	18	1	8	645		*10,848.64
" 2d ch.,	1846, Sept. 20	Samuel Harrison,	1859, Jan. 1	1872, *A. p.*	7	20	27	5	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	5	5	40	25	
" South ch.,	1850, Nov. 12	Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6	1872, May 22	87	246	333	33	4	5	9	8	13	0	21	2	4	195	132	2,971.03
Richmond,	1765,	Lupton W. Curtis,		1869, *A. p.*	34	52	76	5	7	2	9	1	11	0	12	4	0	42	35	39.50
Sandisfield,	1756, Feb. 24	Elbridge Bradbury,	1839, Oct.	1869, Dec. 25	46	106	152	48	2	1	3	2	5	0	7	0	1	150	110	28.00
Sheffield,	1735, Oct. 22	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29	1869, Dec. 29	33	105	138	11	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	141	80	517.58
Stockbridge,	1734,	E. Cornelius Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11	1870, June 16	68	153	221		3	9	12	3	7	0	10	1	5	220	155	3,297.44
" Curtisville,	1824, Dec. 22	None.			20	41	61	13	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	1	75	56	85.00
Washington, Un. ch.,	1772,	None.					34	12										0	0	
W. Stockbridge, Centre,	1789, June 14	Lewis Pennell, (*retired,*)	1833, Sept. 17	1854, Dec. 6	10	26	36	12	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
" Village,	1833,	None.			35	70	105	10	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	181	105	150.00
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765,	None.			133	204	337	96	21	3	24	4	5	0	9	1	5	125	90	265.00
" College ch.,	1834, June 15	Mark Hopkins, D. D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	23	5	28	14	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch., South,	1836,	None.			15	26	41	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	85	32	12.00
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772.	None.			9	12	21	4	0	0	0		4	0	4	0	1	70	60	15.70
TOTAL: 33 churches.					1520	3036	4556	1015	112	119	231	67	127	2	196	36	53	4868	3033	$26,098.91

* Also $10,000 to Chicago.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

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Attleboro', 1st ch., West.	1712, Nov. 12	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1869, *A. p.*	27	70	97	21	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	113	67	$206.28
" 2d ch., East,	1748, Nov. 30	None.			60	174	234		2	6	8	5	1	0	6	2	4	381	210	1,339.52
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737, Nov. 1	James O. Barney,	1824, Feb. 4	1868, *A. p.*	54	83	137	19	6	1	7	3	0	0	3	4		130	175	100.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1848, June 30	J. Austin Roberts,	1824, Oct. 20	1856, Nov. 17	7	23	30		0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	60	50	
Dartmouth, South,	1807, April	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	14	39	53	13	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	134	90	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710, reo.1826	Ebenezer Dawes, Jr.,	1864, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	36	59	95	11	22	1	23	0	0	0	0	16	1	90	55	115.45
Easton,	Unknown.	D. Warren Richardson,	1862, Aug. 14	1869, *A. p.*	38	100	138	38	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	191	109	407.38
Fairhaven,	1794, July 23	None.			49	169	218	32	2	1	3		9	0	9	0	0			
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816, Jan. 9	William W. Adams,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	50	155	205	57	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	3	428	288	1,348.57
" Central ch.,	1842, Nov. 16	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	115	188	303	60	2	7	9	5	7	0	12	1	6	816		3,084.75
Freetown, Assonet,	1807, Apr. 24	None.			20	35	55	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	62	
Mansfield,	1808, May 9	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26	1856, Mar. 26	40	76	116	9	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3	214		*
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696,	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	9	11	20	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	100	70	73.00
" North ch.,	1807, Oct. 15	Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	122	281	403	113	2	3	5	6	2	0	8	1	7	387	260	3,367.58
" Trin. ch ,	1831, Nov. 15	None.			58	99	157	13	15	14	29	1	2	0	3	5	6	312	228	1,227.56
" Pacific ch.,	1844, Oct. 8	Theodore C. Jerome,	1872, July 2	1872, July 2	41	125	166	40	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	252	154	278.45
Norton,	1832, Apr. 3	Timothy Atkinson,	1832, Oct.	1872, *A. p.*	29	88	117	47	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	112	65	125.00
Raynham,	1731, Oct 19	Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29	1870, *A. p.*	45	98	143	36	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	117	98	
Rehoboth,	1721, Nov. 29	Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12	1870, *A. p.*	49	86	135	22				1	3	0	4	0	0	186		123.08
Seekonk, (and East Providence, R. I.)	1623 (?)	None.			70	99	169	38	3	1	4	2	4	0	6			154	125	122.25
Somerset,	1861, July 3	Leander S. Coan,	1863, June 18	1871, *A. p.*	20	31	51	10	8	8	16	0	4	0	4	8	1	80	50	30.00
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637, May	Thomas T. Richmond,	1852, July 17	1860, May 16	33	79	112		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	100	70	500.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1821, Aug. 17	{ Erastus Maltby, / Stephen M. Newman,	1824, Sept. 29 / 1871, Oct. 7	1826, Jan. 18 / 1871, Oct. 7			440	100	0	2	2						1	250	175	
" Winslow ch.,	1837, Jan. 12	Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	67	135	202	37	0	5	5	2	5	0	7	0	2	301	167	
" Ev. Cong. ch., East,	1853, June 16	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1866, *A. p.*	9	25	34	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	50	99.37
" Un. ch., Whittenton,	1868, Apr. 2	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29	1868, *A. p.*	24	53	77	5	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	5	190	140	125.00
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.,	1858, May 31	Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23	1868, June 30	7	23	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	64	89.54
TOTAL: 27 churches.					1231	2706	3937	734	78	54	132	44	60	0	104	49	46	5563	3834	$12,853.38

* $15,000 for repairs.

ESSEX COUNTY.

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Amesbury, West,	1726, May 19	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	88	170	258	9	3	2	5	3	0	1	4	2	4	282	175	$1,184.76
" Mills,	1831, Dec. 6	Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 4	1871, Dec. 27	51	144	195	30	0	0	0	4	4	1	9	0	2	200	160	1,965.00
" and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch.,	1835, Oct. 14	W. D. Corken, M. D.,	1859,	1871, *A. p.*	32	71	103		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	160		
Andover, South ch.,	1711, Oct. 17	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10	1861, Dec. 18	76	249	325	61	3	6	9	7	3	0	10	2	1	238	181	5,375.08
" West ch.,	1826, Dec. 5	James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26	1856, Apr. 30	71	164	235	40	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	1	0	165	120	3,764.38
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846, May 7	George F. Wright,	1863, Aug. 26	1872, *A. p.*	49	132	181	48	3	10	13	0	7	0	7	2	6	200	157	5,210.18
" Ballard Vale,	1854, Dec. 31	Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27	1855, Apr. 1	10	42	52	5	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	5		110	162.02
" Theo. Sem. ch.,	1865, Nov. 1	*Professors.*		*A. p.*	31	39	70	9	1	1	2	3	7	0	10	0	1	200		
Beverly, North,	1715, Dec. 28	Joseph W. Tarleton,	1850, Dec. 5	1871, *A. p.*	8	20	28	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	103	56	193.40
" Dane st. ch.,	1802, Nov. 9	Orpheus T. Lanphear,	1849, Oct. 25	1867, Oct. 23	78	174	252	5	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	0	0	464	325	1,285.78
" Washington st. ch.,	1837, Feb. 8	Charles Van Norden,	1866, Dec. 19	1868, Mar. 18	46	124	170	11	1	8	9	2	5	0	7	1	4	225	135	684.31
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702,	Sereno D Gammell,	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	30	75	105	24	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	3	150	112	2,350.00
" West,	1736, Dec. 9	O. S. Butler,			17	31	48	3	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	45	105.96
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682, Dec. 27	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24	1866, Jan. 11	114	230	344	35	4	3	7	6	1	0	7	4	0	507	325	1,391.62
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671,	Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7	1863, Sept. 2	41	139	180	10	2	0	2	8	4	0	12	2	1	370	220	807.37
" Maple st. ch.,	1844, Dec. 5	James Brand.	1869, Oct. 6	1869, Oct. 6	85	196	281		11	11	22	1	0	0	1	0	6	440	295	1,400.36
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681, Sept. 9	D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June 18	1870, June 30	36	95	131	6	6	0	6	3	1	0	4	4	1	200	145	360.53
Georgetown,	1732, Oct. 4	Charles Beecher,	1844, Nov. 9	1857, Nov. 19	45	113	158	28	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	3	1	172	100	271.71
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1864, Jan. 27	D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept. 16	1868, Sept. 16	33	82	115	12	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	1	150	108	581.19
Gloucester, West,	1716, Oct. 4	Charles D. Pigeon,	1840,	1868, *A. p.*	12	13	25	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	28	20.00
" Harbor, Ev. ch.,	1829, Nov. 17	S. Willard Segur,	1862, May 28	1871, June 14	52	121	173	21	6	4	10	4	8	0	12	2	3	222	159	953.97
" Lanesville,	1830, Aug. 25	William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28	1871, *A. p.*	29	58	87	10	8	3	11	1	1	0	2			185	116	49.10
Groveland,	1727, June 7	John C. Paine,	1838, June 6	1870, Apr. 20	32	89	121	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	190	100	236.13
Hamilton,	1714, Oct. 27	None.			41	73	114	31	0	0	0	4	12	1	17	0	2		70	212.85
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735, Oct. 22	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17	1866, Nov. 8	58	79	137	22	27	2	29	0	2	0	2	23	8	142	95	273.55
" East,	1744, Nov. 28	None.			5	17	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	33	20.00
" Centre,	1833, Aug. 28	Charles M. Hyde, D. D.,	1862, Aug. 19	1870, Nov. 15	65	160	225	25	5	10	15	8	4	0	12	0	4	250	165	1,756.28
" " No. ch.,	1859, Mar. 30	Raymond H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July 5	1860, Aug. 8	90	200	290	32	8	8	16	2	3	1	6	5	6	401	260	5,691.98
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634,	Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, Feb. 5	43	155	198	35	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	202	138	271.71
" South ch.,	1747, Aug. 22	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1	1868, Jan. 1	29	134	163	41	2	2	4	7	0	0	7	2	0	150	100	435.88
" and Rowley—Linebrook,	1749, Nov. 13	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov. 5	1871, May 3	26	36	62	43	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	33	40.89
Lawrence, Lawr. st. ch.,	1847, Apr. 19	Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug. 23	1859, Apr. 13	137	295	432	125	2	5	7	3	9	1	13	0	6	475	325	3,016.87
" Central ch.,	1849, Dec. 25	William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13	1867, Nov. 13	121	258	379	200	16	9	25	3	8	0	11	5	4	120	98	850.00
" Eliot ch.,	1865, Oct. 4.	Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6	1871, June 14	32	73	105	25	0	4	4	2	11	0	13	0	2	110	85	* 365.00
" South ch.,	1868, May 13	None.			22	38	60	7	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	147	106	104.00
" Free ch.,	1868, Oct. 15	None.			19	40	59	6	15	4	19	2	11	0	13	0	7	80	60	29.00

* $13,750 paid on church debt.

ESSEX COUNTY — *Completed.*

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Lynn, 1st ch.,	1632, Aug.	Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11	1872, *P. e.*	58	150	217		0	2	2	5	9	0	14	0	0	344	225	$350.00
" Central ch.,	1850, Dec. 11	Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3	1865, May 17	41	117	158	35	4	8	12	1	0	0	1	4	2	282	182	919.02
" Chestnut st. ch.,	1857, Feb. 10	Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28	1869, *A. p.*	10	46	56	0	4	2	6	2			2	4		135	100	90.00
" North ch.,	1869, May 6	James M.Whiton, PH.D.,	1865, May 10	1872, Feb. 13	27	77	104	7	3	14	17	3	1	0	4	0	2	186	119	153.87
Lynnfield, Cen. Ev. ch.,	1720, Aug. 17	Oliver P. Emerson,	1871, Sept. 13	1871, Sept. 13	22	57	79	15	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	78	65	39.08
" 2d ch.,	1854, Jan. 18	Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, *A. p.*	3	18	21	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	45	7.00
Manchester, Or.Con.ch.,	1716, Nov. 7	George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1	1869, Apr. 7	54	150	204	17	1	0	1	2	7	0	9	0	0	233	131	1,325.30
Marblehead, 1st ch.,	1684, Aug. 13	None.			46	310	356	37	22	2	24	4	1	0	5	3	3	316	240	
" 3d ch.,	1858, Sept. 28	Edw. A. Lawrence, D. D.,	1839, May 15	1868, Nov. 18	18	64	82	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	90	211.70
Methuen, 1st ch.,	1729, Oct. 29	Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31	1867, Sept. 10	50	116	166	28	2	8	10	1	2	0	3	2	3	175	126	969.83
Middleton,	1729, Oct. 22	Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7	1869, Oct. 7	40	100	140	10	10	0	10	2	0	1	3	4	5	150	100	516.35
Newbury, 1st ch.,	1635, *Spring.*	Leon. Withington, D. D.,	1816, Oct. 31	1816, Oct. 31	40	127	167	30	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	140	82	512.00
" Byfield ch.,	1706,	William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9	1868, *A. p.*	36	66	102	25	9	0	9	5	3	0	8	7	2	60	35	65.00
Newburyport, North ch.,	1768, Mar. 4	James Powell,	1869, Nov. 24	1869, Nov. 24	57	240	297		3	5	8	5	3	0	8		4	230	146	1,133.65
" 4th ch.,	1793, May 30	Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30	1837, Oct. 12	60	155	215		2	6	8	4	0	0	4	0	4	130	105	1,732.35
" Belleville,	1808, Apr. 2	Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18	1847, Aug. 18	62	168	230	15	5	6	11	10	1	0	11	1	3	290	185	2,938.79
" Whitefield ch.,	1850, Jan. 1	Saml. J. Spalding, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 26	1851, June 30	49	134	183	35	1	5	6	6	11	2	19	0	1	154	120	954.24
North Andover, Ev. ch.,	1834, Sept. 3	None.			48	108	156	44	11	6	17	0	5	0	5	2	5	225	151	725.00
Peabody,	1713, Sept. 13	George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3	1869, Mar. 11	75	211	286	23	10	6	16	9	6	0	15	9	10	646	381	1,865.00
Rockport, 1st ch.,	1755, Feb. 13	Charles C. McIntire,	1861, Sept. 17	1871, Dec. 28	105	190	295	10	0	4	4	9	8	0	17	0	0			
Rowley,	1639,	Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14	1869, Nov. 9	35	100	135	15	5	0	5	3	2	1	6	4	0	100	70	330.00
Salem, Tabernacle ch.,	1629, Aug. 6	None.			55	274	329		10	8	18	6	1	1	8	4	2	320	213	3,811.25
" South ch.,	1735, Apr. 1	Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23	1864, Oct. 13	80	300	380		2	5	7	5	4	0	9	2	4	425	280	3,624.54
" Crombie st. ch.,	1832, May 3	Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29	1868, Jan. 29	43	181	224	30	3	5	8	2	2	0	4	1	2	238	156	748.82
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,	1718, Nov. 19	None.																		
Saugus Centre,	1732, Dec. 5	Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7	1869, Mar. 18	18	35	53	8	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	0	2	137	78	360.00
Swampscott, 1st ch.,	1846, July 15	Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24	1871, July 6	9	42	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Topsfield,	1663,	James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2	1871, June 22	40	112	152	13	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	1	150	110	386 57
Wenham,	1644, Oct. 8	Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Oct. 13	28	64	92	12	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	5	170	109	*40.00
West Newbury, 1st ch.,	1698, Oct. 26	Nathaniel Lasell,	1835,	1869, *A. p.*	27	45	72	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	92	52	42.00
" 2d ch.,	1731, Sept. 1	Seneca M. Keeler,	1862, July 8	1872, June 13	30	103	133	21	3	2	5	3	3	0	6	3	4	275	174	190.00
TOTAL: 67 churches.					3024	8006	11030	1612	256	207	463	192	198	10	400	113	140	13818	9239	$65,462.22

* Large house expenses.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashfield,	1763, Feb. 22	James Dingwell,		1872, *P. e.*	52	98	150	20	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0	0	140	85	$117.34
Bernardston,	1824, Jan. 13	Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14	1865, *A. p.*	15	32	47	4	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	1	2	75	55	72.27
Buckland,	1785, Oct.	None.			36	66	102	18	2	2	4	4	2	0	6	1	1	135	87	205.44
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	1788,	Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, *P. e.*	30	65	95	16	1	7	8	2	12	1	15	0	0	125	90	
" East,	1845, Aug. 6	Elijah Cutler,	1863, Sept. 9	1871, *A. p.*	18	45	63	17	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	87	55	37.00
Coleraine,	1750,	David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21	1867, June 13	17	55	72	16	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	100	60	117.00
Conway,	1768, July 14	Arthur Shirley,	1872, July 3	1872, July 3	77	152	229	25	8	6	14	7	18	2	27					* 820.17
Deerfield, South,	1818, June 30	None.			105	182	287	48	8	16	24	9	15	0	24	5	0	145	133	511.46
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	1835, June 2	Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20	1858, Jan. 13	22	56	78	14	0	1	1	0	2	4	6	0	1	60	42	103.74
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Sept. 19	Simon L. Hobbs,	1854, Sept.	1869, *A. p.*	14	20	34	10	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	118	64	† 34.85
Gill,	1793, Sept. 18	Edmund S. Potter,	1843, May 23	1868, *A. p.*	17	44	61	10	6	3	9	1	4	0	5	4	0	130	80	101.49
Greenfield, 1st ch ,	1754, Mar. 28	Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3	1872, Mar. 7	26	55	81	24	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	2	0	103	58	67.48
" 2d ch ,	1817, Jan. 15	None.			71	120	191	13	1	0	1	2	12	0	14	0	9	318	226	1,047 91
Hawley, 1st ch., East,	1778, Sept. 16	Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1	1870, *A. p.*	30	47	77	20	12	0	12	0	2	0	2	7	6	75	60	30.30
" West,	1825, Aug. 24	John Eastman,	1834, Aug.	1871, *A. p.*	14	23	37	4	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	120	75	
Heath,	1785, Apr. 15	None.			8	16	24	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1					
Leverett,	1784,	None.			34	64	98	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134		46.37
Montague, 1st ch.,	1752, Nov. 22	Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28	1864, Dec. 28	77	137	214	12	53	2	55	2	13	0	15	39	0	214	137	313.36
" Miller's Falls,	1872, Jan. 25	None.					32													
New Salem,	1845, Aug. 15	David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12	1863, *A. p.*	10	40	50	10	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	80	60	50.00
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1825, Nov. 30	Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11	1870, Aug. 17	23	43	66	8	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	3	7	75	60	141.99
Orange, North,	1843, Aug. 16	John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3	1866, Nov. 1	11	22	33	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	50	25	41.00
" Central ch.,	1846, Sept. 23	Robert C. Bell,	1869, Nov. 3	1872, *A. p.*	44	100	144	22	5	2	7	2	2	0	4	3	0	115	100	† 51.56
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	1770,	A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 31	1870, Oct. 25	66	107	173	16	16	6	22	6	2	0	8	10	1	225	166	488.16
" Falls,	1850, Mar. 6	Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5	1869, Dec. 15	61	123	184	18	2	13	15	4	3	0	7	1	12	212	145	502.83
Shutesbury,	1742, Oct. 27	John P. Watson,	1862, June 2	1871, *A. p.*	21	32	53	10	7	6	13	1	0	0	1	6	0	60	40	22.65
Sunderland,	1718,	David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13	1867, Dec. 18	102	152	254	4	5	6	11	9	20	0	29	3	2	232	142	924.21
Warwick, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1829, June 9	Edward B. Bassett,	1857, May 25	1869, Dec. 15	17	43	60	10	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	2	105	57	145.81
Wendell, Centre, 1st ch.,	1774, Nov. 29	Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4	1869, *A. p.*	8	13	21	15	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	62	43	20.00
Whately,	1771, Aug. 13	John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17	1860, Oct. 17	52	92	144	25	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	1		130	76	195.00
TOTAL: 29 churches.					1078	2044	3122	428	149	81	230	74	132	8	214	91	46	3652	2463	$6,209.37

* Legacies, $3,000. † Also repaired church.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762, Nov. 19	Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	17	42	59	12	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	60	45	
" Cong. ch.,	1819, Sept. 5	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	41	86	127	12	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	60	$300.00
Blandford,	1735,	None.			31	67	98	6	9	6	15	4	5	0	9	5	8	226	125	114.92
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724, Nov. 18	M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1	1870, Dec. 1	51	136	187	16	0	4	4	5	9	1	15	0	4	230	109	990.76
Chester, Centre,	1760, Dec. 20	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	28	40	68	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
" 2d ch., Depot,	1844, Nov. 13	Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21	1865, *A. p.*	12	24	36	2	9	0	9	3	3	0	6	7	0	72		19.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752, Sept. 27	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	28	48	76	5	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	68	51	406.00
" 2d ch., Falls,	1830, July 3	Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16	1838, Apr. 8	64	116	180	41	6	3	9	3	11	0	14	4	1	117	74	848.46
" 3d ch.,	1834, Oct. 16	Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20	1869, June 10	59	150	209	16	7	7	14	5	14	0	19	3	7	401	244	910.51
Granville, East,	1747,	Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24	1871, Dec. 13	19	41	60	10	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	35		25.00
" West,	1786,	Henry H. Olds,	1872, May 22	1872, May 22	23	34	57	8	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	90	63	31.41
Holland,	1765, Sept. 12	Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9	1868, Dec. 9	45	27	42	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	40	57.50
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1709, Dec. 4	Charles E. Cooledge,	1871, May 24	1871, May 24	33	57	90	10	28	6	34	2	2	0	4	26	0	60	45	
" 2d ch.,	1849, May 24	John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	79	204	283	43	11	17	28	2	7	0	9	8	0	300	240	700.00
Longmeadow,	1716, Oct. 17	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	33	92	125	5	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	0	4	100	85	900.00
" East,	1829, Apr. 22	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	31	72	103	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	50	240 00
Ludlow,	1790,	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Dec. 21	1866, Nov. 2	32	97	129	28	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	2	1	200	120	138.73
" Mills,	1867, Jan. 6	Henry E. Crocker,		1871, *A. p.*	6	20	26	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0			60	50	
Monson,	1762, May 23	Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	68	154	222	42	1	0	1	5	0	1	6	1	3	230	136	1,300.00
Montgomery,	1797, June 30	*No public services.*			2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1753,	Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	50	70	20	12	4	16	2	0	0	2	9	4	100	75	129.78
" 2d ch.,	1847, Nov. 1	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	33	89	122	13	2	8	10	5	1	0	6	1	3	169	87	103.88
Southwick,	1773, Aug. 16	Timothy Lyman,	1850, Nov. 23	1871, *A. p.*	17	50	67	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	70	50	19.96
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637,	Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	166	436	602	79	12	35	47	14	14	0	28	9	11	565	340	4,276.55
" Olivet ch.,	1833, Jan. 8	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	74	194	278	24	7	12	19	4	8	6	18	2	2	302	181	1,232.27
" South ch.,	1842, Mar. 23	S. G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	128	243	371	35	30	5	35	10	8	0	18	9	3	502	395	9,842.89
" North ch.,	1846, Oct. 28	Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25	1860, Sept. 19	136	230	366	86	10	9	19	5	24	0	29	5	6	310	207	1,500.00
" Indian Orchard,	1848, Mar. 23	Stephen Harris,	1861, Oct. 24	1871, *A. p.*	15	29	44	17	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	78	63	178.00
" Sanford st. ch.,	1864, Feb. 24	Milan C. Stebbins,	1864, Oct. 25	1871, *A. p.*	17	22	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		60	20.00
Tolland,	1797,	Irem W. Smith,	1858, Aug. 18	1870, June 15	39	60	99	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2		75	14.00
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679, Aug. 27	None.			92	145	237	56	4	17	21	8	4	1	13	2	4	293	241	1,074.40
" 2d ch.,	1856, May 22	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	104	168	272	38	7	4	11	2	10	0	12	5	4	350	225	2,026.17
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698, June	John M. Chapin,	1872, June 19	1872, June 19	39	86	125	41	0	0	0	1	87	0	88	0	0	92	82	261.65
" Mittineaque,	1850, Jan. 10	Henry M. Rogers,	1865, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	19	52	71	15	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	120	72	79.65
" Park st. ch.,	1871, July 17	None.			19	56	75	0	0	75	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	106	90.56
Wilbraham,	1741, June 24	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	70	132	202	57	3	4	7	3	5	0	8	2	1	185	99	250.00
" South,	1785,	Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12	1869, Mar. 3	42	70	112	13	3	6	9	3	5	0	8	3	1	60	40	100.00
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1702	3637	5339	828	170	243	413	107	247	9	363	104	74	6015	4047	$28,182.05

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

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Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739, Nov.	7	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct.	18	1863, Sept.	24	112	277	389	55	2	7	9	8	6	0	14	0	6	225	183	$1,914.19
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782, Nov.	11	Charles A. Conant,	1864, July	2	1872,	*A. p.*	55	140	195	46	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	121	97	
" College ch.,	1826, Mar.	7	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns, D.D.	1831, Dec.	17	1854, Nov.	21	45	25	70	0	2	10	12	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1,346.50
" " Mission Branch,								3	7	10	0	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	7	5		40	
" North ch., North,	1826, Nov.	15	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan.	10	1867, Sept.	19	93	146	239	14	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	4	204	140	877.00
" ch. of South,	1858, June	8	George Lyman,	1851, Nov.	14	1869, May	5	44	73	117	13	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	3	140	92	285.00
Belchertown,	1737,		Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May	10	1871, May	10	99	213	312	40	37	6	43	7	5	0	12	18	4	260	172	521.93
Chesterfield,	1764, Oct.	30	Isaiah P. Smith,			1872,	*A. p.*	9	25	34	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	105	71	260.00
Cummington, E. Vil. ch.,	1839, July	1	William M. Gay,	1863, Mar.	31	1870,	*A. p.*	37	60	97	9	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	2	100	75	91.42
" West Village ch.,	1840, Sept.	20	John U. Parsons,	1831, Sept.	12	1872,	*A. p.*	12	24	36	3	2	0	2	2	1	0	3				35	
Easthampton, 1st ch.,	1785, Nov.	17	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June	10	1853, Mar.	2	91	186	277	12	4	9	13	4	4	0	8	0	4			679.00
" Payson ch.,	1852, Dec.	28	Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June	17	1863, Oct.	14	131	269	400	36	29	11	40	3	9	0	12	6	15	328	213	2,050.00
Enfield,	1790,		Edward C. Ewing,	1853, Nov.	5	1867, Oct.	9	82	174	256	28	51	4	55	3	6	0	9	33	7	200	141	1,389.71
Goshen,	1780, Dec.	21	Townsend Walker,	1844, Mar.	14	1868, Sept.	29	20	53	73	12	6	1	7	0	1	0	1	3	0	70	55	75.44
Granby,	1762,		Rufus Emerson,	1803, Jan.	7	1871, Mar.	1	70	133	203	17	2	14	16	3	15	0	18	1	2	255	160	872.94
Greenwich,	1749,		Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July	5	1843, July	5	40	97	137	34	7	2	9	3	4	0	7	1	1	155	88	390.60
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659,		Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan.	12	1848, Jan.	12	51	111	162	13	2	1	3	5	6	0	11	0		167	100	366.52
" 2d ch., North,	1831, Oct.	26	None.					42	81	123	30	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	175	115	306.00
" Russell ch.,	1841, July	15	Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec.	25	1864, Sept.	27	27	75	102	12	6	2	8	1	2	0	3	3	2	60	48	756.11
Hatfield,	1670,		John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct.	9	1870, May	4	92	164	256	10	34	3	37	2	4	1	7	17	3	175	129	2,125.21
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778, July		Edwin S. Tingley,	1871, Feb.	1	1872,	*A. p.*	30	50	80	8	0	1	1	5	5	0	10	0	0	85	55	69.00
" 2d ch.,	1846, Aug.	26	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb.	20	1867, Apr.	10	29	68	97	8	18	5	23	2	10	0	12	12	2	108	70	136.06
Middlefield,	1783, Nov.	18	Charles M. Peirce,	1863, Sept.	2	1868, July	1	41	66	107	20	9	4	13	2	6	0	8	6	3	128	84	463.82
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661, June	18	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec.	1	1867, Apr.	30	140	346	486	50	2	6	8	5	10	0	15	2	8	300	225	6,500.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833, Jan.	30	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct.	25	1852, Jan.	2	106	226	332	12	9	9	18	4	4	0	8	5	3	200		*
" Florence ch.,	1861, Oct.	9	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June	20	1866, Dec.	6	72	100	232	32	40	18	58	2	6	0	8	32		300	175	1,156.00
Pelham,	1837, Oct.	26	None.					11	30	41	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
" Packardville,	1870, Jan.	5	William K. Vail,	1866, Feb.	21	1871, June	28	16	9	25	5	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	50	4.00
Plainfield,	1786, Aug.	31	Solomon Clark,	1841, Apr.	12	1858,	*A. p.*	56	86	142	28	3	2	5	5	7	0	12	3	9	205	115	120.50
Prescott,	1823, Jan.	15	David Bancroft,	1838, Oct.	20	1858, June	8	18	28	46	10	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	68	40	
Southampton,	1743, June	8	Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept.	26	1869, Jan.	5	96	157	253	48	0	2	2	5	13	0	18	0	1	146	112	455.00
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733, (about)		J. Henry Bliss,	1869, Nov.	28	1871, Jan.	11	118	219	337	29	11	10	21	3	23	3	29	7	8	300	214	866.86
" Falls,	1824, Aug.	12	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb.	27	1867, Oct.	2	59	105	164	26	13	4	17	2	3	2	7	11	2	173	135	621.45
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824, Aug.	12	Richard Knight,	1837, May	6	1856, Sept.	10	45	106	151	41	9	2	11	2	6	0	8	2	4	188	151	953.20
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751, May	9	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr.	16	1861, Oct.	10	36	103	139	30	6	2	8	2	4	0	6	3	1	178	98	289.91
" East ch.,	1826, Apr.	26	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.,	1844, Sept.	18	1855, Dec.	5	99	225	324	42	12	5	17	2	5	0	7	3	12	450	272	†4,137.53
Westhampton,	1779, Sept.	1	Pliny F. Barnard,	1847, Jan.	14	1870, June	30	83	113	196	28	5	0	5	2	6	0	8	3	9	175	115	575.75
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771, July		[John F. Gleason, *Lic.*]			1872,	*A. p.*	85	158	243	34	10	14	24	2	4	1	7	5	3	200	133	722.75
" Haydenville,	1851, Jan.	4	James P. Kimball,	1857, Mar.	12	1871, Nov.	8	46	145	191	36	43	13	56	4	7	0	11	20	2	305	228	1,540.74
Worthington,	1771, Apr.	1	Joseph F. Gaylord,	1867, Nov.	7	1870, Aug.	3	61	106	167	24	43	8	51	3	9	0	12	20	2	215	120	234.50
TOTAL: 39 churches.								2402	4839	7241	924	428	190	618	105	209	7	321	229	129	5618	4644	$33,154.64

* Church burned. † Also $10,000 to Williams College.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Churches.	1872, August.	Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.–1871.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Acton,	1832, Mar. 13	Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 24	1871, *P. e.*	52	110	162	33	3	9	12	3	4	0	7	3	2	150	114	$407.78
Arlington,	1842, Dec. 14	Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	41	113	154	26	26	4	30	0	8	0	8	8	3	212	156	2,604.30
Ashby,	1776, June 12	James M. Bacon,	1846, Oct. 8	1870, Nov. 2	59	116	175	30	3	3	6	3	6	1	10	2	0	217	175	412.00
Ashland,	1835, Jan. 21	Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29	1868, Dec. 29	42	80	122	12	6	5	11	4	13	0	17	4	0	175	104	173.18
Ayer,	1861, Sept. 5	Francis J. Fairbanks,	1864, Aug. 31	1872, *A. p.*	21	41	62	29	0	3	3	1	6	0	7	0	0	140	85	43.91
Bedford,	1730, July 15	Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8	1869, Feb. 17	38	111	149	63	3	2	5	2	4	0	6	3	2	130	90	150.22
Belmont, Waverley,	1865, July 11	Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19	1866, Feb. 1	11	14	25	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	25	* 320.00
Billerica,	1829, Apr. 20	None.			15	30	45	3	1	6	7	1	2	0	3	0	0	72	54	100.00
Boxborough,	1784, Apr. 29	Daniel Mc Clenning,	1851, Apr. 23	1869, *A. p.*	28	26	54	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	60	104.42
Brighton,	1827, Sept. 13	David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21	1866, Dec. 6	36	88	124	29	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	2	1	158	125	925.11
Burlington,	1735, Oct. 29	Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19	1867, Dec. 19	16	37	53	6	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	3	3	75	51	140.00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636, Feb. 1	Alexander Mc Kenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	122	297	419		13	5	18	8	11	0	19	2	7	353	242	
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827, Sept. 20	None.			139	325	464	108	2	6	8		9		9		6	475	283	2,273.12
" East,	1842, Sept. 8	None.			36	74	110	34	12	3	15	0	5	0	5			175	115	350.00
" North Avenue,	1857, Sept. 23	David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	103	203	306		35	20	55	2	4	0	6	11	3	256	182	950.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1865, Nov. 21	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	77	145	222	22	13	25	38	1	0	0	1	4	21	450	311	207.75
Carlisle,	1830, May 5	Moses Patten,	1860, June 7	1871, *A. p.*	12	46	58	22	3	4	7	1	1	0	2	1	0	63	43	104.55
Charlestown, 1st ch.,	1632, Nov. 2	None.			106	206	312	40	1	4	5	8	3	0	11	1	2	230		336.33
" Winthrop ch.,	1833, Jan. 9	Alexander S. Twombly,	1859, Feb. 10	1872, May 2	141	343	484		6	6	12	6	19	0	25	3	5	580	385	3,150.00
Chelmsford, 2d ch., Nor.,	1824, Apr. 27	Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 21	1870,	27	58	85	23	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	2	125	87	145.00
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826,	Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1	1872, *P. e.*	21	59	80		0	5	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	80	50	
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721, Mar. 29	None.			15	48	63	14	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	3	85	65	62.76
" Pawtucket ch.,	1797, Aug. 31	Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Sept. 1	45	73	118	35	1	8	9	2	3	0	5	1	1	120	71	250.00
" Central ch.,	1847, July 25	Elias Nason,	1852, May 5	1868, *A. p.*	29	42	71	15	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	60	35.00
Dunstable,	1757, May 12	None.			19	46	65	17	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	0	1	125	60	540.71
Everett,	1861, Oct. 30	Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23	1869, Mar. 25	31	70	101	14	8	5	13	2	0	0	2	3	2	200	143	240.00
Framingham, Plym. ch.,	1701, Dec. 8	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	81	213	294	25	2	18	20	3	6	0	9	2	4	285	150	2,127.00
" Saxonville, Edw. ch.,	1835, May 26	Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15	1870, Nov. 3	38	105	143	53	7	9	16	3	5	0	8	1	2	100	70	† 258.65
Groton,	1664, July 12	Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb. 16	1870, June 1	81	177	258	30	29	10	39	7	2	0	9	18	9	219	146	1,325.68
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728, Nov. 20	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Oct. 28	1870, Oct. 13	98	303	401	30	0	11	11	4	18	0	22	0	1	328	225	2,195.75
Hopkinton,	1724, Sept. 2	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	66	133	199	30	10	9	19	2	1	0	3				184	3,083.98
Lexington, Hancock ch.,	1868, May 20	Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	14	30	44	5	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	2	2	70	40	200.00
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747, Aug. 18	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	29	65	94	14	8	4	12	3	0	0	3	3	2	125	85	475.00
Littleton,	1840, May 14	Henry E. Cooley,	1866, Aug. 7	1872, May 9	22	34	56	10	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	55	516.62
Lowell, 1st Cong. ch.,	1826, June 6	Smith Baker, Jr.,	1860, July 30	1871, Sept. 13	91	312	403	100	3	7	10	2	13	0	15	3	0	456	272	469.51
" Appleton st. ch.,	1830, Dec. 2	John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	60	229	289	82	1	6	7	8	7	0	15	0	0	317	218	525.57
" John st. ch.,	1839, May 9	Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	81	264	345	69	0	6	6	3	9	0	12	0	0	440	245	1,074.43
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845, May 21	Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13	1871, July 13	100	284	384	100	2	7	9	4	13	0	17	2	0	298	204	1,729.81
" High st. ch.,	1846, Jan. 22	Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3	1857, Sept. 16	77	137	214	50	1	3	4	2	6	0	8	1	3	380	210	501.54

* And $2,300 on debt.

† New chapel, $3,470.

Malden, 1st ch.,	1649,	Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3	1871, Mar. 29	105	208	313	48	30	24	54	1	5	0	6	13	17	528	356	$1,740.26
Marlborough, Un. ch.,	1836, Mar. 18	Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30	1870, Mar. 30	68	156	224	18	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	1	0	190	170	1,036.00
Maynard,	1852, Sept. 23	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1870, *A. p.*	66	113	179	36	61	10	71	1	6	0	7	33	1	310	255	270.00
Medford, 1st Tr. Con.ch.,	1823, Oct. 2	James T. McCollum,	1841, June 25	1865, Nov. 8	53	141	194	63	11	4	15	1	6	0	7	7	2	166	125	2,264.21
" Mystic ch.,	1847, July 6	Solon Cobb,	1865, Oct.	1869, Nov. 3	55	136	191	28	7	10	17	3	1	1	5	4	1	160	128	1,870.00
[" West,	1872, June 12	None.					25	]												
Melrose,	1848, July 11	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	47	100	147	24	0	9	9	1	6	0	7	0	2	278	175	833.02
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802, Feb.	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 17	105	200	305	40	4	6	10	3	7	0	10	3	3	400	275	1,834.62
" John Eliot ch., So.,	1859, Nov. 16	Gorham D. Abbott, D.D.,		1871, *A. p.*	15	33	48	9	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	80	50	138.83
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664, July 20	Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	82	145	227	33	10	4	14	3	4	0	7	6	5	156	120	4,800.00
" 2d ch., West,	1781, Oct. 21	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1860, Sept. 26	76	136	212	44	3	6	9	3	4	0	7	1	1	275	180	1,663.52
" Eliot ch.,	1845, July 1	J. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18	1856, June 11	133	254	387	68	4	15	19	8	6	0	14	1	14	365	256	9,277.25
" Auburndale,	1850, Nov. 14	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	54	80	134	26	13	10	23	3	12	0	15	2	4	208	139	4,472.41
" North Vill.,	1866, July 11	Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	21	48	69	20	7	2	9	0	3	0	3	1	3	174	131	50.00
" Newtonville,	1868, Sept. 8	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1868, Sept. 8	36	68	104	5	3	9	12	1	0	0	1	2	6	180	104	1,273.75
[" Highlands,	1872, July 9	None.					29	]												
North Reading,	1720, June 29	Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866, June 28	1872, *P. e*	15	71	86	5	11	2	13	5	1	0	6	5	0	80	68	329.18
Pepperell,	1747, Jan. 29	Horace Parker,	1861, May 31	1870, Mar. 17	114	232	346	44	51	6	57	10	2	7	19	42	2	312		938.62
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770, Feb. 21	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1872, Feb. 14	43	101	144		0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	175	109	119.01
" Bethesda ch.,	1849, Apr. 17	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	69	150	219	22	7	5	12	6	3	0	9	3	4	275	178	773.76
Sherborn,	1685, Mar. 26	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	47	95	142	12	0	4	4	3	6	0	9	0	3	154	100	260.00
Shirley, Village,	1828, Mar. 12	Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15	1870, Apr. 20	20	56	76	20	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	75	75.00
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855, May 3	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1872, Feb. 1	105	205	310		20	13	33		22	0	22			522	327	988.00
" North, Winter Hill,	1864, June 14	None.			33	51	84	9	1	8	9	1	3	0	4	1		256	163	528.00
Stoneham,	1729, July 2	None.			28	87	115	23	0	2	2	2	6	0	8	0	0	178	96	155.74
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640, Aug.	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1870, Feb. 1	60	130	190	33	7	0	7	4	0	0	4	3	1	170	109	730.00
Tewksbury,	1735, Nov. 23	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29	1871, Nov. 1	40	94	134	42	0	2	2	3	4	0	7	0	2	134	95	216.00
Townsend,	1734, Oct. 16	George H. Morss,	1864, May 11	1869, *A. p.*	81	165	246	30	21	6	27	5	7	0	12	9	0	200	140	547.63
Tyngsborough,	1868, Apr. 7	None.			11	30	41	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	53	71.98
Wakefield,	1645, Nov. 5	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	69	136	205	15	3	0	3	8	0	1	9	3	2	250	186	950.00
Waltham,	1820, Sept. 28	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	48	150	198	28	4	18	22	4	2	0	6	6	8	208	130	816.76
Watertown, Phillips ch.,	1855, Apr. 17	Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26	1872, July 5	40	107	147	41	2	5	7	2	2	0	4			110	77	233.79
Wayland,	1828, May 21	None.			40	85	125	35	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	90		60.21
Westford,	1828, Dec. 25	None.			26	76	102	6	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	3	0	60	40	134.00
Wilmington,	1733, Oct. 24	Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22	1871, Apr. 13	39	91	130	17	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	1	146	117	284.49
Winchester,	1840, Nov. 19	Edwin C. Bissell,	1859, Sept. 21	1871, Nov. 1	119	198	317	62	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	0	1	360	228	6,491.97
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642, Aug. 14	None.			213	324	537	93	5	14	19	5	12	0	17	3	16	398	333	3,104.00
" North,	1849, Nov. 22	Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30	1869, *A. p.*	17	48	65	16	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	116	64	135.00
TOTAL: 75 churches.					4313	9587	13900	2514	519	434	953	201	339	11	551	241	187	16010	10819	$78,266.69

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Churches.		1872, August.			Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.–1871.–Rem.								Bap.	Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.			
Braintree, 1st ch.,	1707, Sept. 10		Richard S. Storrs, D. D.,	1811, July 3	1811, July 3	46	129	175	12	34	11	45	2	1	0	3	20	7	210	152	$754.99		
" South,	1829, Nov. 18		Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19	1870, *A. p.*	20	50	70	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	92	115.00		
Brookline, Harvard ch.,	1844, Aug. 26		None.			69	122	191	59	4	4	8	2	5	0	7	2	0	205	131	4,584.65		
Canton, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1828, July 3		Joseph F. Jennison,	1857,	1871, *A. p.*	24	55	79	16	3	3	6	0	3	0	3	0	2	80	60	267.00		
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	1824, Nov. 24		Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9	1871, Apr. 18	21	100	121	7	12	2	14	1	4	0	5	12	0	142	96			
" Beech Woods,	1863, Sept. 17		Charles B. Smith,	1848, Oct.	1867, *A. p.*	8	21	29	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	125	70	61.00		
Dedham, 1st ch.,	1838, Nov. 8		Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7	1863, Jan. 1	44	164	208	25	7	4	11	3	1	0	4	3	6	225	180	1,003.22		
Dover, 2d Cong. ch.,	1839, Oct. 23		John G. Wilson,	1851, Dec. 12	1872, *A. p.*	12	18	30	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	50	20.00		
Foxborough,	1779, Nov. 5		Bernard Paine,	1807, June 6	1871, *A. p.*	55	164	219	20	6	8	14	5	15	0	20	2	3	250	128	723.57		
Franklin,	1737, Feb. 16		Luther Keene,	1843, Feb. 11	1867, Oct. 9	72	145	217	28	3	1	4	4	3	0	7	1	0	170	130	1,429.53		
" South,	1855, Sept. 13		Josiah Merrill,	1848, Mar. 1	1867, *A. p.*	9	19	28	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	30	25	20.00		
Holbrook, 2d ch.,	1818, Dec. 15		*No public services.*			17	30	47	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
" Winthrop ch.,	1856, Dec. 30		None.			42	89	131	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	235	180	650.00		
Hyde Park,	1863, May 7		Perley B. Davis,	1862, Jan. 29	1867, Apr. 10	63	114	177	29	5	25	30	2	7	0	9	3	11	252	159	351.00		
Medfield, 2d Cong. ch.,	1828, Feb. 6		Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9	1860, *A. p.*	26	86	112	24	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	59	372.02		
Medway, 1st ch., East,	1714, (prob.)		Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1	1871, Nov. 15	43	90	133	12	1	3	4	4	3	0	7	0	0	193	109	436.73		
" 2d ch., West,	1750, Oct. 4		Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2	1814, Nov. 2	97	199	296	13	1	6	7	6	6	0	12	1	7	217	111			
			Stephen Knowlton,	1865, Nov. 2	1865, Nov. 2																		
" Village ch.,	1838, Sept. 7		{ David Sanford,	1828, May 28	1838, Oct. 3	66	163	229	45	2	7	9	8	8	0	16	0	4	150	108	810.00		
			{ Rufus K. Harlow,	1868, Oct. 15	1872, Feb. 13																		
Milton, 1st ch.,	1678, Apr. 21		Albert K. Teele,	1844, July 15	1850, Dec. 18	38	74	112	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	50	341.77		
" 2d ch., Railway,	1843, Nov. 9		" " "	" " "	1865, *A. p.*	8	26	34	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	105	75	35.00		
Needham, Wellesley,	1708, Sept. 7		George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23	1868, Jan. 23	43	85	128	26	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	3	175	101	780.97		
" Grantville,	1847, Feb. 24		James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23	1868, Dec. 29	25	42	67	12	2	4	6	4	3	0	7	2	1	95	70	1,420.83		
" Ev. Cong. ch.,	1857, May 6		William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15	1859, *A. p.*	16	36	52	6	2	2	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	120	65	82.00		
Norfolk,	1839, July 18		Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 13	1860, Sept. 22	14	36	50	14	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	80	60	100.00		
Norwood,	1736, June 22		Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30	1867, *A. p.*	46	90	136	28	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	3	5	155	86	440.00		
Quincy, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Aug. 16		James E. Hall,	1867, Feb. 27	1868, Apr. 16	32	120	152	30	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	2	4	282	188			
Randolph, 1st ch.,	1731, May 28		John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4	1865, Dec. 14	42	95	137	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	212	168	1,756.62		
Sharon, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, Jan. 25		S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22	1868, Apr. 22	29	80	109	24	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	113	64	319.75		
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	1744, Aug. 10		Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1	1856, Mar. 13	40	75	115	13	0	4	4	2	3	1	6	0	2	191	129	288.69		
Walpole,	1826, Nov. 13		None.			61	124	185	34	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	0	2	155	126	785.21		
W. Roxbury, So. Ev. ch.,	1835, June 11		Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 4	1872, May 2	20	57	77	18	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	1	5	115	80	2,027.01		
" Central ch., Jam. Pl.,	1853, Feb. 15		None.			69	120	189	48	1	5	6	1	17	0	18	1	3	198	153	*1,444.10		
Weymouth, 1st ch.,	1633,		Joshua Emery,	1835, May 13	1838, Jan. 25	40	83	123	9	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	102	76	608.73		
" 2d ch., South,	1723, Sept. 8		George F. Stanton,	1866, June 6	1870, Oct. 27	32	99	131	13	23	3	26	1	2	0	3	18	0	250	173	850.00		
" Landing,	1811, Aug. 14		None.			43	105	148	6	2	0	2	3	3	1	7	0	0	150	90	306.47		
" Union ch., South,	1842, Nov. 1		James Mc Lean,	1859, Aug. 30	1872, Feb. 27	28	70	98	16	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	188	103	271.71		
" Pilgrim ch., North,	1852, Mar. 11		Louis B. Voorhees,	1871, Dec. 6	1871, Dec. 6	17	38	55	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	135	103	240.00		
" East,	1860, Mar.		Elbridge P. Mc Elroy,	1870, Feb. 23	1871, Oct. 25	95	148	243	31	0	1	1	4	4	0	8	0	0	296	206			
Wrentham, 1st ch.,	1692, Apr. 13		William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9	1866, *A. p.*	36	152	188	24	3	0	3	6	6	0	12	3	0	185	160	850.00		
TOTAL: 39 churches.						1598	3513	5021	742	123	106	229	96	110	6	212	77	69	6131	4166	$25,147.57		

$10,000 for new church.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Churches. 1872, August.		Ministers.			Ch.M.1873,Jan.1.				Admit.–1871.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Abington, 1st ch.,	1712,	George E. Freeman,	1858, Oct. 5	1871, Dec. 26	58	87	145	14	2	10	12	3	8	0	11	1	0	240	136	$614.67
" 2d ch., South,	1807, Aug. 19	John Thompson,	1869, Sept. 22	1871, *A. p.*	83	173	256	25	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	225	175	531.33
" 3d ch., East,	1813, Aug. 27	Jesse H. Jones,	1861, May 19	1871, *A. p.*	67	152	219	11	1	3	4	2	3	0	5	0	4	200	110	1,070.84
" 4th ch., North,	1839, Oct. 3	David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29	1870, *A. p.*	24	68	92	19	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	70	
Bridgewater, Cen. Sq. ch.,	1821, Oct. 17	Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 13	1868, Apr. 9	47	84	131	16	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	327	211	500.00
" Scotland,	1836, July 4	Abel G. Duncan,	1829, May 13	1867, *A. p.*	16	35	51	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		55	44	65.00
Carver, North,	1733, May 13	Frederick Janes,	1837,	1870, *A. p.*	16	54	70	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	31.00
Duxbury, Wesl. Cong. ch.	1843, Dec. 25	A. Parke Burgess,	1859, Apr. 10	1870, *A. p.*	20	46	66		1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	105	56	
E. Bridgewater, Un. ch.,	1826, June 30	Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9	1870, *A. p.*	57	86	143	23	5	2	7	2	1	0	3	4	0	115	90	134.00
Halifax,	1734, Oct. 16	William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8	1866, Oct. 31	22	47	69	8	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	146	83	
Hanover, 1st ch..	1728, Dec. 5	Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6	1871, *A. p.*	10	39	49	10	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	100	60	58.48
" 2d ch., Four Corners,	1854, Apr. 12	Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4	1871, *A. p.*	19	31	50	5	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	50	30	
Hanson,	1748, Aug. 31	Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11	1871, *A. p.*	8	18	26	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	72		50.00
Hingham, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1847, Dec. 21	None.			16	34	50	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	2	81	60	92.06
Kingston,	1828, Mar. 19	Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30	1842, *A. p.*	15	50	65	12	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	69	45	150.00
Lakeville,	1725, Oct. 6	Homer Barrows,	1836, June 1	1869, *A. p.*	40	54	94	23	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	95	75	241.51
Marion,	1703, Oct. 13	* Leander Cobb, [C.A. Kingsbury, *Lic.*]	1827, Sept. 7	1844, Dec. 1 1871, *P. e.*	42	61	103	17	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	120	70	107.00
Marshfield, 1st ch.,	1632,	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5	1850, Oct. 30	14	54	68	3	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	158	84	390.02
" 2d ch., East,	1835, July 4	James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3	1870, Sept. 27	21	30	51	3	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	60	40	120.61
Mattapoisett,	1736, July 28	Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13	1871, Apr. 13	45	95	140	20	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	130	84	35.00
Middleborough, 1st ch.,	1694, Dec. 26	Ephraim N. Hidden,	1841, Sept. 1	1869, *A. p.*	94	161	255	41	1	1	2	7	3	0	10	1	2	230	162	355.59
" North,	1748,	Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12	1868, *A. p.*	37	107	144	8	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	155	100	220.44
" Central ch.,	1847, Mar. 25	Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10	1871, Sept. 20	72	151	223	16	17	4	21	2	2	0	4			201	142	318.16
N. Bridgewater, 1st ch.,	1740, Oct. 15	Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12	1868, June 24	83	168	251	17	1	6	7	3	4	0	7	0	0	300	168	522.81
" So. ch., Campello,	1837, Jan. 3	None.			75	103	178	10	0	1	1	5	3	1	9	0	0	275	197	502.50
" Porter Ev. ch.,	1850, Mar. 6	Robert G. S. Mc Neille,		1872, Apr. 26	86	169	255	24	1	0	1	10	7	0	17	0	0	250	193	241.41
Plymouth, 2d ch., South,	1738, Nov. 8	Saml. W. Cozzens, D. D.,	1832, Aug. 8	1868, *A. p.*	26	54	80	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70	50	265.54
" Ch. of the Pilgrimage,	1801, Oct. 1	George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1870, Apr. 10	65	197	262	50	9	6	15	2	5	8	15	5	3	252	190	871.68
" 4th ch., Chiltonville,	1818, June 18	None.			55	90	145	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	88	52	76.00
" 5th ch.,	1862, Nov. 6	None.			40	68	108	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	50	26.00
Plympton,	1698, Oct. 27	Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7	1868, *A. p.*	21	62	83	12	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	92	75	34.00
Rochester, Centre,	1703, Oct. 13	Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16	1871, Nov. 1	19	64	83	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	60		132.35
" North,	1753, (about),	Job Cushman,	1825, July 5	1872, *A. p.*	2	10	12	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	20	
Scituate,	1635, Jan. 28	Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25	1870, *A. p.*	14	55	69	6	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	90	56	76.00
Wareham,	1739, Dec. 25	Isaiah C. Thacher,	1845, Dec. 25	1870, Oct. 27	45	70	115	20	7	0	7	3	1	0	4	6	1	125	90	550.00
TOTAL: 35 churches.					1374	2827	4201	523	58	52	110	81	62	9	152	22	21	4791	3197	$8,384.00

* Died since this compilation.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. M. 1872, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1871.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Boston, Old South ch.,	1669, May 12-16	{ Geo. W. Blagden, D. D., / J. M. Manning, D. D.,	1827, Dec. 25 / 1854, Jan. 3	1836, Sept. 28 / 1857, Mar. 11	104	246	350		12	2	14	6	10	0	16	8		100	90	$11,695.95
" Dorchester, 2d ch.,	1808, Jan. 1	James H. Means,	1848, July 13	1848, July 13	92	236	328	56	3	5	8	6	5	0	11	1	4	270	190	8,117.00
" Park st. ch.,	1809, Feb. 27	William H. H. Murray,	1868, Feb. 19	1868, Nov. 11	359	708	1067	275	49	35	84	10	27	0	37	12	7	500	350	11,000.00
" Union ch.,	1822, June 2	{ Nehemiah Adams, D.D. / Henry M. Parsons,	1829, Dec. 17 / 1854, Nov. 15	1834, Mar. 26 / 1870, Dec. 1	148	359	507	316	14	50	64	5	9	0	14	5	6	275	196	8,265.00
" Phillips ch., South,	1823, Dec. 10	Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2	1859, Sept. 21	120	252	372	50	6	9	15	9	31	0	40	2	7	736	402	7,498.32
" Salem and Mariners' ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20	1870, *A. p.*	175	362	537	309	20	13	33	2	12	0	14	0	21	181	142	628.39
" Berkeley st. ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2	1867, Oct. 30	171	375	546		13	19	32	5	25	0	30	8	6	468	316	2,834.62
" Vil. ch., Dorchester,	1829, Mar. 11	William B. Clarke,	1855, May 4	1871, *A. p.*	37	86	123	23	8	0	8	1	1	0	2	3	1	112	75	747.29
" Eliot ch., Highlands,	1834, Sept. 18	{ Aug. C. Thompson, D.D., / B. Franklin Hamilton,	1842, July 27 / 1865, June 28	1842, July 27 / 1871, Nov. 9	110	246	356	118	4	14	18	3	12	0	15		1	335	211	2,271.32
" Central ch.,	1835, May 11	John De Witt,	1865, June 9	1869, Dec. 1	101	255	356		5	3	8	5	9	0	14	0	3	405	270	9,660.07
" Maverick ch., East,	1836, May 31	Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3	1871, *P. e.*	132	331	463	158	0	18	18	3	14	0	17	0	12	546	338	3,370.60
" Mt. Vernon ch.,	1842, June 1	{ Edward N. Kirk, D. D., / Samuel E. Herrick,	1828, Oct. 23 / 1863, Oct. 13	1842, June 1 / 1871, Apr. 12	189	380	569		14	9	23	6	28	0	34	5	2	260	180	* 7,250.00
" Shawmut ch.,	1845, Nov. 20	Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11	1860, Oct. 5	163	325	488		10	10	20	6	13	0	19		7	930	543	11,527.55
" Vine st. ch. — Highlands,	1857, Apr. 9	John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3	1857, June 3	81	187	268	48	12	6	18	3	13	0	16	7	5	310	225	4,545.60
" Trin. ch., Neponset,	1859, Mar. 11	Rowland H. Allen,	1865, Nov. 1	1870, Feb. 8	25	50	75	10	5	7	12	0	4	0	4	4	0	150	75	503.14
" E st. ch., South,	1860, Mar. 21	Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2	1867, June 18	80	155	235	61	5	10	15	5	10	0	15		11	350	197	624.00
" Chambers st. ch.,	1861, Dec. 4	*Pastors of Old South.*			25	88	113	30	7	5	12	1	10	2	13					
" Cottage st. ch., Ward 16,	1867, July 2	Frederick R. Abbe,	1857, Sept. 3	1871, May 10	17	36	53	3	1	11	12	1	0	0	1	1	0	144	110	375.00
" Highland ch.,	1869, Mar. 4	Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29	1870, Sept. 29	40	71	111	7	18	10	28	0	5	0	5	6	6	425	350	1,030.00
" Walnut Av. ch., Highlands,	1870, Dec. 19	Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10	1872, Jan. 4	38	56	94	0	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	5	193	126	† 1,053.72
Chelsea, Winnisimmet c.	1841, Sept. 20	None.			195	401	596	75	20	18	38	6	16	3	25	11	27	668	399	2,337.42
" Central ch.,	1851, Apr. 2	Zachary Eddy, D. D.,	1835, Mar. 16	1871, Nov. 2	95	239	334		5	14	19	13	3	1	17			794	484	‡
Revere,	1828, May 9	Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19	1869, *A. p.*	8	28	36	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	46	112.57
TOTAL: 23 churches.					2505	5472	7977	1987	240	270	510	96	257	6	359	75	131	8704	5606	$85,546.56

* $12,000 for repairs. † Land bought and chapel built. ‡ $73,000 for new church.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Churches. 1872, August.		Ministers.			Ch. M. 1872, Jan. 1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.						Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashburnham, 1st ch.,	1760, Apr. 27	Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16	1871, *A. p.*	60	105	165	45	0	5	5	9	2	0	11	0	1	176	130	$345.85
" 2d ch.,	1860, June 29	None.			5	4	9	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	
Athol,	1750, Aug. 23	Temple Cutler.	1861, Feb. 20	1868, Mar. 4	84	176	260	27	2	11	13	1	6	0	7	2	0	280	180	1,653.66
Auburn,	1776, June 25	Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	61	93	154	50	4	3	7	2	2	0	4	2	0	130	90	550.00
Barre, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1827, Aug. 15	Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11	1869, Oct. 29	70	137	207	30	37	2	39	5	9	0	14	24	6	175	125	490.30
Berlin,	1779, Apr. 9	William A. Houghton,	1853, Oct. 26	1853, Oct. 26	58	79	137	35	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	140	75	163.00
Blackstone,	1841, Apr. 15	John E. Edwards,	1840, Apr. 6	1862, June 3	17	35	52	9	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	198	100	
Boylston,	1743, Oct. 6	Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 25	1856, *A. p.*	37	86	123	23	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	5	165	103	425.95
Brookfield,	1756, Apr. 15	Joshua Coit. / A. F. Schauffler,	1860, Nov. 13 / 1871, Sept. 13	1860, Nov. 13 / 1871, *A. p.*	58	84	142	43	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	160	85	745.25
Charlton, Cal. Cong. ch.,	1761, Apr. 16	John Haven,	1836, Dec. 14	1850, Apr. 1	22	68	90	22	9	5	14	3	3	0	6	5	0	90	50	268.14
Clinton, 1st Ev. ch.,	1844, Nov. 14	De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11	1868, Nov. 11	88	204	292	65	3	2	5	8	5	0	13	2	0	393	289	1,020.43
Dana, Centre,	1852, Sept. 28	[Orlando Russell, *Lic.*]		1870,	8	17	25	4	4	3	7	0	3	0	3	3	0	60	28	2.45
Douglas, 1st ch.,	1747, Nov. 11	Josiah W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14	1872, *A. p.*	21	39	60	11	3	0	3	0	6	0	6	1	1	60	50	25.00
" East,	1834, June 10	William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4	1866, Mar. 21	45	134	179	30	3	10	13	2	2	0	4	3	0	142	109	342.27
Dudley,	1732,	None.			27	64	91	27	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	1	97	70	
Fitchburg, Calv. ch.,	1768, Jan. 27	None.			122	229	351	41	0	4	4	5	6	0	11	0	1		192	2,021.00
" Rollstone ch.,	1868, Apr. 16	Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16	1868, Apr. 16	85	167	252	11	10	17	27	2	3	0	5	4	1	275	190	1,150.00
Gardner, 1st ch.,	1786, Feb. 1	None.			80	175	255	42	3	2	5	4	13	1	18	3	0	250	150	333.13
Grafton,	1731, Dec. 28	John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22	1868, Sept. 20	62	148	210	66	5	3	8	5	8	0	13	2	2	145	108	793.67
" Saundersville,	1860, Apr. 18	Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Aug. 1	1868, June 22	18	34	52	10	4	3	7	1	1	0	2	3	0	95	69	279.02
Hardwick, 1st Calv. ch.,	1736, Nov. 17	Elbridge W. Merritt,	1866, Mar. 7	1870, *A. p.*	18	44	62	8	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	4	65	40	185.00
" Gilbertville,	1867, Mar. 7	Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6	1870, Dec. 6	9	23	32	5	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	60	48	84.76
Harvard,	1733,	George H. Pratt,	1866, Oct. 11	1866, Oct. 30	42	97	139	27	5	2	7	1	0	0	1	3	2	100	90	573.60
Holden,	1742, Dec. 28	William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24	1833, Oct. 11	76	165	241	44	0	4	4	5	4	0	9	0	5	225	175	450.00
Hubbardston,	1770, Feb. 14	John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31	1870, Sept. 14	38	88	126	26	1	0	1	2	7	0	9	1	0	95	65	231.00
Lancaster,	1839, May 22	Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10	1872, May 1	40	92	132	30	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	115	63	676.38
Leicester, 1st Cong. ch.,	1721, Mar. 30	Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21	1857, Apr. 21	92	157	249	42	4	9	13	5	5	0	10	4	7	225	141	1,000.00
Leominster,	1822, Dec. 25	William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29	1865, Oct. 17	128	241	369	55	11	16	27	7	5	0	12	7	0	275	188	1,800.00
Lunenburg,	1835, June 10	William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5	1870, Feb. 2	38	89	127	20	19	4	23	0	0	0	0	11	1	160	75	206.72
Milford, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, July 15	S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29	1868, Aug. 5	67	181	248	32	2	9	11	6	10	0	16	2		245	180	639.63
Millbury, 1st ch.,	1747, Sept. 10	George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14	1872, Apr. 11	50	108	158	28	0	4	4	5	5	0	10	0	2	230	146	504.00
" 2d ch.,	1827, Aug. 23	Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1866, Dec. 6	50	140	190	30	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	0	140	97	700.00
New Braintree,	1754, Apr. 18	None.			21	63	84	19	0	4	4	1	3	0	4	0	0	58	34	773.70
Northborough,	1832, Apr. 12	Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21	1870, *A. p.*	28	64	92	37	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	175	100	749.19

WORCESTER COUNTY—*Completed.*

Churches. 1872, August.		Ministers.			Ch.M.1872,Jan.1.				Admit.-1871.-Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Northbridge, 1st ch.,	1782, June 6	James Wells,	1849, Apr. 1	1872, *P. c.*	19	65	84	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	75	$126.30
" Whitinsville,	1834, July 31	John R. Thurston,	1859, Jan. 20	1871, Apr. 20	73	127	200	41	6	10	16	2	19	0	21	4	5	279	213	9,659.81
North Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1752, May 28	Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, June 26	1868, Sept. 17	97	183	280	35	1	5	6	9	8	0	17	1	4	270	171	2,076.65
" Union ch.,	1854, June 6	None.			37	78	115	22	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	135	80	362.00
Oakham,	1773, June 23	Alpha Morton,	1844, Feb. 13	1871, Nov. 11	64	148	212	39	0	0	0	7	6	1	14	0	1	325	156	405.23
Oxford,	1821, Jan. 18	Thomas E. Babb,	1869, Jan. 19	1871, Sept. 20	73	154	227	65	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	140	112	484.44
Paxton,	1767, Sept. 3	Thomas L. Ellis,	1859, June 9	1871, Sept. 26	49	76	125	24	49	2	51	0	7	0	7	39	0	130	104	81.50
Petersham,	1823, June 25	Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18	1868, *A. p.*	27	78	105	14	19	5	24	3	5	1	9	19	0	90	60	203.50
Phillipston,	1785, Nov. 26	None.			55	91	146	31	3	4	7	1	7	0	8	1	6	220	138	560.00
Princeton, 1st ch., Centre,	1764, Aug. 12	None.			37	100	137	16	13	2	15	1	4	0	5	10	1	130	87	123.00
Royalston, 1st ch.,	1766, Oct. 13	John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29	1870, Nov. 30	42	89	131	15	7	5	12	2	6	0	8	3	2	137	93	1,062.28
" 2d ch., South,	1837, Feb. 22	Walter Rice,	1865, July 24	1868, *A. p.*	44	79	123	31	3	0	3	0	5	0	5	2	0	115	83	258.94
Rutland,	1720, June 7	Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16	1866, Sept. 5	75	137	212	28	29	4	33	4	6	0	10	15	11	200	130	234.11
Shrewsbury,	1723, Dec. 4	E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25	1867, Nov. 7	59	100	159	29	0	2	2	5	11	3	19	0	0	220	120	340.60
Southboro', Pilgrim ch.,	1831, Feb. 17	John Colby,	1855, Oct. 21	1865, Apr. 20	33	75	108	12	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	150	87	335.82
" Southville,	1865, Jan. 18	Benjamin F. Parsons,			9	24	33	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	107	54	25.00
Southbridge,	1801, Sept. 16	Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17	1869, Oct. 14	47	121	168	38	4	5	9	0	5	0	5	3	1	112	80	835.15
Spencer,	1744, May 17	None.			64	121	185	25	0	5	5	1	3	0	4	0	0	320	160	1,390.40
Sterling,	1852, June 22	Lucian D. Mears,	1871, Nov. 8	1871, Nov. 8	26	55	81	14	0	5	5	0	7	0	7	0	0	93	67	86.10
Sturbridge,	1736, Sept. 29	Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7	1871, June 29	69	163	232	38	0	3	3	4	11	0	15	0	0	150	115	504.06
Sutton, 1st ch.,	1720, *Autumn*	Hiram A. Tracy,	1835, Jan. 1	1871, *A. p.*	55	126	181	34	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	1	1	75	50	225.00
Templeton,	1832, Apr. 11	Lewis Sabin, D. D.,	1836, June 8	1837, Sept. 21	38	83	121	16	0	2	2	3	2	1	6	0	1	130	90	528.00
Upton,	1735, Jan. 18	John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28	1871, Nov. 15	71	167	238	48	0	5	5	6	5	0	11	0	0	360	171	
Uxbridge,	1730, Jan.	Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 16	1868, Dec. 2	42	128	170	51	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	1	316	183	1,050.00
Warren,	1745,	Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25	1868, Nov. 19	75	135	210	42	16	4	20	4	7	0	11	11	0	260	150	1,021.53
" West,	1866, June 5	None.			20	24	44	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	5	84	55	20.62
Webster,	1838, Jan. 13	John S. Batchelder,	1858, Oct. 20	1871, Dec. 6	46	109	155	16	0	2	2	5	5	0	10	0	0	220	115	244.45
Westborough,	1724, Oct. 28	Herman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18	1871, Aug. 10	108	245	353	51	6	23	29	9	7	0	16	1	4	342	223	1,863.10
West Boylston,	1796, Sept. 15	Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3	1870, *A. p.*	44	105	149	27	4	1	5	2	3	0	5	3	1	108	75	420.68
West Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1717, Oct. 16	Richard B. Bull,	1854, Nov.	1871, Mar. 14	104	222	326	36	15	6	21	8	9	0	17	12	0	300	150	807.85
Westminster,	1742, Oct. 20	William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20	1870, *A. p.*	69	135	204	20	41	7	48	4	4	1	9	25	1	156	119	494.63
Winchendon, 1st ch.,	1762, Dec. 15	William W. Dow,	1866, May 23	1871, *A. p.*	33	48	81	24	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	45	51.57
" North,	1843, Dec. 7	Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1	1869, May 19	62	179	241	38	2	5	7	1	4	0	5	2	0	258	154	1,254.59
Worcester, 1st ch.,	1716,	None.			159	376	535	80	19	16	35	11	71	0	82	11	0	325	216	*2,225.00
" Calvinist ch.,	1820, Aug.	Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23	1838, Dec. 19	69	207	276	23	2	2	4	6	9	0	15	2	0	200	133	3,267.83
" Union ch.,	1836,	Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6	1855, Sept. 5	129	221	350	17	4	5	9	12	10	0	22	1	0	304	199	2,353.13
" Salem st. ch.,	1848, June 14	Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5	1871, May 3	85	189	274	94	5	8	13	11	6	0	17	1	0	450	328	925.00
" Mission Chap. ch.,	1865, Jan. 22	Henry T. Cheever,	1847, June 4	1864, *A. p.*	13	28	41	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	120	104	140.00
" Plymouth ch.,	1869, July 7	George W. Phillips,	1864, Oct. 12	1871, Dec. 28	133	199	332	14	4	87	91	5	6	0	11	2	5	701		939.02
TOTAL: 73 churches.					4079	8620	12699	2173	394	374	768	232	409	8	649	254	98	13411	8845	$56,260.59

* And $11,200 on repairs and debt.

SUMMARY.

COUNTIES.	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1, 1872.				Additions in 1871.			Removals in 1871.				Bapt. 1871.		In Sab. Schs.		Benev. Contributions.
	Wth Pas.	Wth A.P.	Va-cant	To-tal.	Pas-tors	Act. Pas.	Oth-ers.	To-tal.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant	Total.	Av. at.	
Barnstable, ..	7	8	7	22	7	8	1	16	577	1,387	1,964	299	42	14	56	46	24	2	72	20	16	2,220	1,388	$2,718.37
Berkshire,....	15	10	8	33	15	10	16	41	1.529	3,036	4,556	1,015	112	119	231	67	127	2	196	36	53	4,868	3,033	26,098.91
Bristol,.....	13	10	4	27	13	9	1	23	1,231	2,706	3,937	734	78	54	132	44	60	0	104	49	46	5,563	3,834	12,853.38
Dukes, ...	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	68	124	192	36	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	0	3	182	130	20.00
Essex, ...	47	11	9	67	47	11	25	83	3,024	8,006	11,030	1,612	256	207	463	192	198	10	400	113	140	13,818	9,239	65,462.22
Franklin, ...	12	11	6	29	12	11	7	30	1,078	2,044	3,122	428	149	81	230	74	132	8	214	91	46	3,652	2,463	6,209.37
Hampden,....	25	7	5	37	25	7	6	38	1,702	3,637	5,339	828	170	243	413	107	247	9	363	104	74	6,015	4,047	28,182.05
Hampshire, ..	30	6	3	39	30	6	15	51	2,402	4,839	7,241	924	428	190	618	105	209	7	321	229	129	5,618	4,644	33,154.64
Middlesex, ...	52	11	12	75	52	11	39	102	4,313	9,587	13,900	2,514	519	434	953	201	339	11	551	241	187	16,010	10,819	78,266.69
Nantucket,...	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	45	229	274	59	0	1	1	7	1	1	9	0	0	200	160	175.00
Norfolk,.....	22	10	7	39	24	10	10	44	1,508	3,513	5,021	742	123	106	229	96	110	6	212	77	69	6,131	4,166	25,147.57
Plymouth,....	13	18	4	35	13	18	11	42	1,374	2,827	4,201	523	58	52	110	81	62	9	152	22	21	4,791	3,197	8,384.00
Suffolk, ...	18	4	1	23	21	4	20	45	2,505	5,472	7,977	1,987	240	270	510	96	257	6	359	75	131	8,704	5,606	95,546.56
Worcester,....	45	14	14	73	45	15	13	73	4,079	8,620	12,699	2,173	394	374	768	232	409	8	649	254	98	13,411	8,845	56,260.59
TOTAL, 1872 :.	299	123	81	503	304	123	164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	$438,479.35
TOTAL, 1871 :.	292	134	75	501	297	134	166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	339 829.84
" 1870 :.	294	119	89	502	298	117	176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,819.62
" 1860 :.	325	81	82	488	333	78	176	587	24,489	51,882	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124	Unk.	Unknown.
" 1850 :.	347	55	54	456	356	66					64,830											64,178	"	"
" 1840 :.				408							62,513											62,305	"	"
" 1830 :.				347							37,987											34,787	"	"

NOTE. — 1. Of the 81 churches counted "vacant" above, 8 are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.

2. The column of "other ministers" includes only such (not in pastoral service) as are members of Associations and reside in Massachusetts. Many of those whose occupation is in Boston, reside in other counties.

3. *Comparison.* — New churches, 2; dropped, none. — Gain in church-membership, 870. — Gain in Sabbath Schools, 332; average attendance is .6752 of the membership; in years next preceding, respectively, .6764, .6679, .6515, .6718, .6760. — Increase in Benevolent Contributions (446 churches reporting, 455 last year,) $98,649.51, — not including $10,000 from one church to Chicago. — Pastors a year ago, 297; of these, during the year 7 died and 39 were dismissed; 10 others were ordained and 43 installed, making 304 the present total. Ordained without installation, 4. Ministers not pastors, 13 deceased. — Licentiates under care, 74, of whom 25 were approbated during the year. — For the above items of changes, by counties, see table on next page; lists of new churches, ordinations, etc., follow.

CHANGES IN CHURCHES, PASTORATES, ETC.,

BY COUNTIES, SINCE LAST ISSUE.

COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.				MINISTERS.							Sabbath		Benevolent	
	Number.		Members.		The Pastorate.					Deaths.		Schools.		Contributions.	
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without installation	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable,	0	0		17	0	1	1	0	1	0	0		78		$16.97
Berkshire,	1	0		111	0	4	5	0	0	0	2	388		$8,758.47	
Bristol,	0	0	17		3	0	2	0	0	0	0	579		2,147.09	
Dukes,	0	0		8	0	0		0	0	0	0	20			
Essex,	0	0		149	1	4	5	2	1	2	2	487		22,834.73	
Franklin,	0	0		23	1	2	3	2	0	2	0		27		738.54
Hampden,	1	0		89	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	75		6,543.09	
Hampshire,	0	0	280		0	1	3	0	0	0	2		905	5,171.26	
Middlesex,	0	0	459		1	9	7	1	1	1	2	182		23,398.70	
Nantucket,	0	0		8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10			147.75
Norfolk,	0	0		38	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	21		454.25	
Plymouth,	0	0		63	0	4	2	0	0	0	0		81	1,555.12	
Suffolk,	0	0	477		0	3	1	0	0	0	1		51	17,594.59	
Worcester,	0	0	143		1	9	5	2	0	2	3		288	11,095.47	
TOTAL, in 1871-2:	2	0	870		10	43	39	7	4	7	13	332		98,649.51	
" in 1870-1:	2	3	517		9	43	53	3	3	3	5		2,293	2,010.22	
" in 1869-70:	6	4	9		16	25	46	9	5	9	14		700	37,726.82	
" in 1868-9:	7	3	531		17	42	50	2	5	2	15	404		Unk'n.	
" in 1867-8:	3	3	1,692		17	37	46	1	3	1	5	2,620		"	
" in 1866-7:	5	2	2,879		12	33	59	2	8	2	15	3,713		"	
" in 1865-6:	9	5		253	10	27	32	5	10	5	12	920		"	
" in 1864-5:	8	8	1,099										775	"	
" in 1863-4:			640									4,057		"	
" in 1862-3:				764									4	"	

The above table comprises not only the items for the year ending, but also the "total" for each year in which a similar table has been given, with a few items earlier, so as to cover ten years.

CHANGES IN THE LIST OF CHURCHES.

NEW CHURCHES, with date of organization:

Mill River, in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., January 16, 1871.
Park st., in West Springfield, Hampden Co., July 17, 1871.

CHURCHES DROPPED FROM THE LIST: None.

CHANGES OF NAME:

Cambridgeport, Middlesex Co.; Stearns Chapel church is now Pilgrim church.

Dracut, Middlesex Co.; West church is now Pawtucket church.

South Dedham, Norfolk Co.; the church now appears in the new town of NORWOOD.

East Randolph, Norfolk Co.; the two churches appear in the new town of HOLBROOK.

Plymouth, Plymouth Co.; the Third church is now the Church of the Pilgrimage.

Since the date of compilation, January 1, 1872, three new churches have been organized, which do not go into our annual summary until January 1, 1873, viz.:

Miller's Falls, in Montague, Franklin Co., January 25, 1872.

West Medford, Middlesex Co., June 12, 1872.

Newton Highlands, Middlesex Co., July 9, 1872.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

PERSONAL CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF MINUTES.

PASTORS ORDAINED:

Charles D. Barrows, Kirk st. church, Lowell, July 13, 1871.
John M. Chapin, First church, West Springfield, June 19, 1872.
Oliver P. Emerson, Lynnfield Centre, September 13, 1871.
Theodore C. Jerome, Pacific church, New Bedford, July 2, 1872.
Lucian D. Mears, Sterling, November 8, 1871.
Stephen N. Newman, Trinitarian church, Taunton, October 7, 1871.
Henry H. Olds, West Granville, May 22, 1872.
Arthur Shirley, Conway, July 3, 1872.
Cassius M. Terry, Trinitarian church, New Bedford, November 2, 1871.
Louis B. Voorhees, North Weymouth, December 6, 1871.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION:

Frederick A. Schauffler, at Lynnfield Centre, September 13, 1871.
William A. Stocking, at Westfield, June 19, 1871.
Charles H. Whitney, at Harwich Centre, August 31, 1871.
Franklin P. Wood, at Acton, July 24, 1871.

PASTORS INSTALLED:

Thomas E. Babb, Oxford, September 20, 1871.
Smith Baker, Jr., First church, Lowell, September 13, 1871.
John S. Batchelder, Webster, December 6, 1871.
Edwin C. Bissell, Winchester, November 1, 1871.
Pliny S. Boyd, Amesbury and Salisbury Mills, December 27, 1871.
Nelson Clark, Rochester, November 1, 1871.
Perkins K. Clark, Charlemont, August 16, 1871.
Henry E. Cooley, Littleton, May 9, 1872.
Henry K. Craig, First church, Falmouth, October 24, 1871.
Thomas Crowther, South church, Pittsfield, May 22, 1872.
Herman P. De Forest, Westborough, August 10, 1871.
Ellis R. Drake, Central church, Middleborough, September 20, 1871.
Zachary Eddy, D. D., Central church, Chelsea, November 2, 1871.
Thomas L. Ellis, Paxton, September 26, 1871.
George E. Freeman, First church, Abington, December 26, 1871.
S. Franklin French, Tewksbury, November 1, 1871.
B. Franklin Hamilton, Eliot church, Boston Highlands, November 9, 1871.

Rufus K. Harlow, Village church, Medway, February 13, 1872.
William S. Hubbell, First church, Somerville, February 1, 1872.
Ephraim O. Jameson, East Medway, November 15, 1871.
Seth M. Keeler, Second church, West Newbury, June 13, 1872.
James P. Kimball, Haydenville, November 8, 1871.
Woodbury S. Kimball, First church, Greenfield, March 7, 1872.
Elbridge P. Mc Elroy, East Weymouth, October 26, 1871.
Charles C. Mc Intire, Rockport, December 28, 1871.
James Mc Lean, Union church, South Weymouth, February 27, 1872.
Robert G. S. Mc Neille, Porter church, North Bridgewater, April 25, 1872.
Abijah P. Marvin, Lancaster, May 1, 1872.
Alpha Morton, Oakham, November 11, 1871.
Francis N. Peloubet, First church, Natick, January 17, 1872.
George W. Phillips, Plymouth church, Worcester, December 28, 1871.
Albert H. Plumb, Walnut Avenue church, Boston Highlands, January 4, 1872.
Llewellyn Pratt, North Adams, December 7, 1871.
George A. Putnam, First church, Millbury, April 11, 1872.
Nelson Scott, East Granville, December 13, 1871.
Edward Strong, D. D., West Roxbury, May 2, 1872.
William A. Thompson, Old South church, Reading, February 14, 1872.
Samuel H. Tolman, Lenox, April 2, 1872.
Alexander S. Twombly, Winthrop church, Charlestown, May 2, 1872.
James M. Whiton, PH. D., North church, Lynn, February 13, 1872.
Edwin P. Wilson, Watertown, July 5, 1872.
John E. M. Wright, Upton, November 15, 1871.

PASTORS DISMISSED:

L. Wheaton Allen, South Braintree, May 14, 1872.
William W. Baldwin, North Rochester, 1871.
Warren H. Beaman, North Hadley, July 8, 1872.
Samuel Bell, East Cambridge, May 29, 1872.
Charles F. Bradley, West Stockbridge, May 15, 1872.
Charles S. Brooks, Tyngsborough, July 23, 1872.
Franklin P. Chapin, East Amherst, November 26, 1871.
Thomas Crowther, Mill Village, April 23, 1872.
Stephen R. Dennen, First church, Woburn, December 27, 1871.
Ellis R. Drake, Wayland, July 17, 1871.
L. Robert Eastman, Somerville.
Henry C. Fay, Harwichport, March 19, 1872.
S. Franklin French, Hamilton, October 2, 1871.
B. Franklin Hamilton, North Andover, September 13, 1871.
Timothy A. Hazen, Housatonic, July 31, 1871.
William A. Houghton, Berlin, July 19, 1871.
William S. Hubbell, West Roxbury, January 25, 1872.
Samuel H. Lee, Greenfield, April 2, 1872.
James B. Miles, First church, Charlestown.

Simeon Miller, South Deerfield, May 21, 1872.
Charles F. Morse, Phillipston, May 21, 1872.
Charles R. Palmer, Tabernacle church, Salem.
William W. Parker, Williamsburg.
Francis N. Peloubet, East Attleborough, October 31, 1871.
Albert H. Plumb, Chestnut st. church, Chelsea, December 26, 1871.
Elias H. Richardson, First church, Westfield, March 5, 1872.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D., Holbrook, May 14, 1872.
Roger M. Sargent, Princeton, September 13, 1871.
Horace P. Shapleigh, South Egremont, July 11, 1871.
Royal B. Stratton, First church, Worcester, April 25, 1872.
Edward Strong, D. D., South church, Pittsfield, November 15, 1871.
Cassius M. Terry, Trinitarian church, New Bedford, 1872.
William A. Thompson, Conway, January 29, 1872.
Heman R. Timlow, Walpole, July 26, 1872.
Kinsley Twining, First church, Cambridgeport, April 25, 1872.
Albert Watson, Free church, Lawrence, June 19, 1872.
John E. Wheeler, Gardner, July 9, 1872, June 19, 1872.
Edwin S. Williams, Free church, Andover, June 1, 1872.
Charles W. Wood, Campello, June 5, 1872.

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OF ALL TOWNS AND CITIES IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND OF SUCH PARTS OF TOWNS (HAVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES) AS HAVE DISTINCT NAMES.

The statistics of churches in any town will be found in its County (pages 98–112); the *number* affixed to any town, in this list, is the number of the Conference (pages 71–78) with which its churches are connected. "No church" means only "no Congregational church."

Abington, *Plymouth*, 15.
Acton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Acushnet, *Bristol*; *no church* in the *town*, but New Bedford 1st is in Acushnet *village*.
Adams, *Berkshire*, 3.
Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Alford, *Berkshire*; *no church*.
Amesbury, *Essex*, 6.
Amherst, *Hampshire*, 11.
Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Arlington, *Middlesex*, 18.
Ashburnham, *Worcester*, 23.
Ashby, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ashfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Ashland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assabet, in Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assonet, in Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Athol, *Worcester*, 23.
Attleborough, *Bristol*, 20.
Auburn, *Worcester*, 22.
Auburndale, in Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Ayer, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ballardvale, in Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Barre, *Worcester*, 5.
Becket, *Berkshire*, 3, 4.
Bedford, *Middlesex*, 21.
Beech Woods, in Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Belchertown, *Hampshire*, 11.
Belleville, in Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
Bellingham, *Norfolk*; *no church*.
Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Berkley, *Bristol*, 20.
Berlin, *Worcester*, 22.
Bernardston, *Franklin*, 8.
Beverly, *Essex*, 7.
Billerica, *Middlesex*, 21.
Blackstone, *Worcester*, 24.
Blandford, *Hampden*, 9.
Bolton, *Worcester*; *no church*.
Boston, *Suffolk*, 18, 19.
Boxborough, *Middlesex*, 14.
Boxford, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
Bradford, *Essex*, 6.
Braintree, *Norfolk*, 15.
Brewster, *Barnstable*; *no church*.
Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15, 20.
Brighton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Brimfield, *Hampden*, 5.
Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Brookline, *Norfolk*, 19.
Buckland, *Franklin*, 8.
Burlington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Byfield, in Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
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Carlisle, *Middlesex*, 21.
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Charlestown, *Middlesex*, 18.
Charlton, *Worcester*, 5.
Chatham, *Barnstable*, 2.
Chelmsford, *Middlesex*, 1.
Chelsea, *Suffolk*, 18.
Cheshire, *Berkshire*; *no church*.
Chester, *Hampden*, 9.
Chesterfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Chicopee, *Hampden*, 9.
Chilmark, *Dukes*, 16.
Chiltonville, in Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Clarksburg, *Berkshire*; *no church*.

Clinton, *Worcester*, 22.
Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Coleraine, *Franklin*, 8.
Concord, *Middlesex*, 13.
Conway, *Franklin*, 8.
Cummington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Curtisville, in Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Dalton, *Berkshire*, 3.
Dana, *Worcester*, 5.
Danvers, *Essex*, 7
Dartmouth, *Bristol*, 16.
Dedham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Deerfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Dennis, *Barnstable*, 2.
Dighton, *Bristol*, 20.
Dorchester, Ward 16, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Douglas, *Worcester*, 24.
Dover, *Norfolk*, 13.
Dracut, *Middlesex*, 1.
Dudley, *Worcester*, 5.
Dunstable, *Middlesex*, 14.
Duxbury *Plymouth*, 17.
East Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Eastham, *Barnstable* no church.
Easthampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Easton, *Bristol*, 15.
Edgartown, *Dukes*, 16.
Egremont, *Berkshire*, 4.
Enfield, *Hampshire*, 11.
Erving, *Franklin*, 8.
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Everett, *Middlesex*, 18.
Fairhaven, *Bristol*, 16.
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Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Feeding Hills, in Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Fitchburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Florence, in Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Florida, *Berkshire* no church.
Foxborough, *Norfolk*, 12.
Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Franklin, *Norfolk*, 12.
Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Gardner, *Worcester* 23.
Gay Head, *Dukes* no church.
Georgetown *Essex*, 6, 7.
Gilbertville, in Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Gill, *Franklin*, 8.
Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Goshen, *Hampshire*, 10.
Gosnold, *Dukes*; no church.
Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
Granby, *Hampshire*, 11.
Grantville, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Granville, *Hampden*, 9.
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Groton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Groveland, *Essex*, 6.
Hadley, *Hampshire*, 11.
Halifax, *Plymouth*, 17.
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Hancock, *Berkshire*; no church.
Hanover, *Plymouth*, 17.
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Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
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Harwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
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Hawley, *Franklin*, 8.
Haydenville, in Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
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Holland, *Hampden*, 5.
Holliston, *Middlesex*, 13.
Holyoke, *Hampden*, 9.
Hopkinton *Middlesex*, 13.
Housatonic, in Gt. Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Hubbardston, *Worcester*, 23.
Hudson, *Middlesex* no church.
Hull, *Plymouth* no church.
Huntington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Hyannis, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Hyde Park, *Norfolk*, 19.
Indian Orchard, in Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Ipswich, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Jamaica Plain, in West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
Kingston, *Plymouth*, 17.
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Lancaster, *Worcester*, 14.
Lanesborough, *Berkshire*, 3.
Lanesville, in Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Lawrence, *Essex*, 1.
Lee, *Berkshire*, 4.
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Lenox, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leominster, *Worcester*, 14.
Leverett, *Franklin*, 11.
Lexington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Leyden, *Franklin*; no church.
Lincoln, *Middlesex*, 13.
Linebrook, in Ipswich, *Essex*, 6.
Littleton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Longmeadow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lowell, *Middlesex*, 1.
Ludlow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lunenburg, *Worcester*, 14.
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Malden, *Middlesex*, 21.
Manchester, *Essex*, 7.
Mansfield, *Bristol*, 12.
Marblehead, *Essex*, 7.
Marion, *Plymouth*, 16.
Marlborough, *Middlesex*, 13.
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Mashpee, *Barnstable; no church.*
Mattapoisett, *Plymouth*, 16.
Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
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Medford, *Middlesex*, 21.
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Mendon, *Worcester; no church.*
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Middlefield, *Hampshire*, 3.
Middleton, *Essex*, 7.
Milford, *Worcester*, 12.
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Mill River, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Mittineaque, in West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Monroe, *Franklin; no church.*
Monson, *Hampden*, 9.
Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Monterey, *Berkshire*, 4.
Montgomery, *Hampden.*
Monument, in Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Mount Washington, *Berkshire; no church.*
Nahant, *Essex; no church.*
Nantucket, *Nantucket*, 2.
Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Needham, *Norfolk*, 13, 19.
Neponset, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
New Ashford, *Berkshire; no church.*
New Bedford, *Bristol*, 16.
New Braintree, *Worcester*, 5.
Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Salem, *Franklin*, 23.
Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Norfolk, *Norfolk*, 12.
Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
North Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Northborough, *Worcester*, 22.
Northbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
North Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
North Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Northfield, *Franklin*, 8.
North Reading, *Middlesex*, 21.
Norton, *Bristol*, 20.
Norwood, *Norfolk*, 19.
Oakham, *Worcester*, 5.
Orange, *Franklin*, 8, 23.
Orleans, *Barnstable*, 2.
Otis, *Berkshire*, 4.
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Paxton, *Worcester*, 22.
Peabody, *Essex*, 7.
Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Pembroke, *Plymouth; no church.*
Pepperell, *Middlesex*, 14.
Peru, *Berkshire*, 3.
Petersham, *Worcester*, 23.
Phillipston, *Worcester*, 23.
Pittsfield, *Berkshire*, 3.
Plainfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Plympton, *Plymouth*, 17.
Prescott, *Hampshire*, 11.
Princeton, *Worcester*, 22.
Provincetown, *Barnstable*, 2.
Quincy, *Norfolk*, 15.
Railway Village, in Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Randolph, *Norfolk*, 15.
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Reading, *Middlesex*, 21.
Rehoboth, *Bristol*, 20.
Revere, *Suffolk*, 18.
Richmond, *Berkshire*, 3.
Rochester, *Plymouth*, 16.
Rockport, *Essex*, 7.
Rocky Hill, in Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Rowe, *Franklin; no church.*
Rowley, *Essex*, 6.
Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Royalston, *Worcester*, 23.
Russell, *Hampden; no church.*
Rutland, *Worcester*, 22.
Salem, *Essex*, 7.
Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Saugus, *Essex*, 7.
Saundersville, in Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
Savoy, *Berkshire; no church.*
Saxonville, in Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Scituate, *Plymouth*, 17.
Scotland, in Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 20.
Seekonk, *Bristol*, 20.
Sharon, *Norfolk*, 15.
Sheffield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Shelburne, *Franklin*, 8.
Sherborn, *Middlesex*, 13.
Shirley, *Middlesex*, 14.
Shrewsbury, *Worcester*, 22.
Shutesbury, *Franklin*, 8.

Somerset, *Bristol*, 20.
Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Southampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Southfield, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
South Hadley, *Hampshire*, 9, 11.
South Scituate, *Plymouth; no church.*
Southville, in Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southwick, *Hampden*, 9.
Spencer, *Worcester*, 5.
Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Sterling, *Worcester*, 22.
Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Stoneham, *Middlesex*, 21.
Stoughton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Stow, *Middlesex; no church.* The church is in that part set off, in 1871, as Maynard.
Sturbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Sudbury, *Middlesex*, 13.
Sunderland, *Franklin*, 8.
Sutton, *Worcester*, 24.
Swampscott, *Essex*, 7.
Swansea, *Bristol; no church.*
Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Templeton, *Worcester*, 23.
Tewksbury, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tisbury, *Dukes*, 16.
Tolland, *Hampden*, 9.
Topsfield, *Essex*, 7.
Townsend, *Middlesex*, 14.
Truro, *Barnstable*, 2.
Tyngsborough, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tyringham, *Berkshire; no church.*
Upton, *Worcester*, 24.
Uxbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
Wakefield, *Middlesex*, 21.
Wales, *Hampden; no church.*
Walpole, *Norfolk*, 12.
Waltham, *Middlesex*, 18.
Waquoit, in Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Ware, *Hampshire*, 5.
Wareham, *Plymouth*, 16.
Warren, *Worcester*, 5.
Warwick, *Franklin*, 8.
Washington, *Berkshire*, 3.
Watertown, *Middlesex*, 19.
Waverley, in Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Wayland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Webster, *Worcester*, 24.
Wellesley, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 13.
Wellfleet, *Barnstable*, 2.
Wendell, *Franklin*, 8.
Wenham, *Essex*, 7.
Westborough, *Worcester*, 24.
West Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
West Bridgewater, *Plymouth; no church.*
West Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Westfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Westford, *Middlesex*, 14.
Westhampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Westminster, *Worcester*, 23.
West Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Weston, *Middlesex; no church.*
Westport, *Bristol*, 16.
West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
West Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Whately, *Franklin*, 8.
Whitinsville, in Northbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
Whittenton, in Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Wilbraham, *Hampden*, 9.
Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Williamstown, *Berkshire*, 3.
Wilmington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Winchendon, *Worcester*, 23.
Winchester, *Middlesex*, 21.
Windsor, *Berkshire*, 3.
Winter Hill, in Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Winthrop, *Suffolk; no church.*
Woburn, *Middlesex*, 21.
Worcester, *Worcester*, 22.
Worthington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Wrentham, *Norfolk*, 12.
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NAMES OF MINISTERS,

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE PAGE IN WHICH EACH NAME OCCURS IN THE STATISTICS OF ASSOCIATIONS OR CHURCHES.

This list includes only pastors or acting pastors (not of any other denomination) and members of Associations. Its post-office addresses often differ from the foregoing pages, by reason of removals.

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PASTORS:

Benjamin Russell Allen, of and at Marblehead, June 2, 1872. Born in Newport, R. I., 1805. Ordained September 10, 1829. Was pastor at North Scituate, R. I., August 13, 1831 to January 4, 1838; at Barrington, R. I., September 26, 1838, to 1842; at South Berwick, Me., October 12, 1842 to October 19, 1854; and at Marblehead, Mass., November 3, 1854 until his death.

Perkins Kirkland Clark, of and at Charlemont, January 4, 1872. Born in Westfield, Mass., December 8, 1811. Y. C. 1838; Theol. Dep., Y. C., 1843. Tutor, Y. C., 1842 to 1845. Ordained August 26, 1846, without installation. Acting pastor at Chester Village, Mass., 1846 to 1848, and pastor 1848 to 1852; pastor at Hinsdale, Mass., June 16, 1852 to October 2, 1855; acting pastor at South Deerfield, Mass., May 1856 until installed June 29, 1859, serving to September 26, 1865; pastor at Mittineague, Mass., January 16, 1866 to April 18, 1871; and at Charlemont, Mass., August 16, 1871 until his death.

John Dodge, of and at New Braintree, June 19, 1872. Born in Brooksville, Me., March 28, 1812. Bangor Theol. Sem., 1841. Ordained June 13, 1842, pastor at Waldoborough, Me., remaining until September 21, 1852; pastor at Harvard, Mass., May 10, 1854 to August 23, 1865; acting pastor at Middlefield, Mass., 1865 to 1867; and at North Brookfield, Mass., 1867 to 1870; and pastor at New Braintree, Mass., May 3, 1871 until his death.

Brown Emerson, D. D., of and at Salem, July 25, 1872. Born in Ashby, Mass., January 1778. D. C. 1802. Ordained April 24, 1805, pastor of the South church, Salem, Mass., remaining until his death. The first nine years he was colleague with Dr. Hopkins; since 1849, he had a colleague. The two pastorates of Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Emerson covered ninety-seven years.

Charles Lord, of Buckland, at New York city, March 29, 1872. Born in Williamstown, Mass., January 27, 1816. A. C. 1838; Andover, 1841. Ordained October 20, 1843, in Mis-

souri, where he was Home Missionary until 1846. Acting pastor at Madison, Wis., 1846 to 1851, and pastor 1851 to 1854. Pastor at Whately, Mass., March 20, 1856 to March 29, 1860; and pastor at Buckland, Mass., March 29, 1860 until his death.

John Nelson, D. D., of and at Leicester, December 6, 1871. Born in Hopkinton, Mass., May 9, 1786. W. C. 1807. Ordained March 4, 1812, pastor at Leicester, remaining until his death. Since 1857 he had had a colleague. His last public service was in May 1870.

Reuben Totman Robinson, of Winchester, at Melrose, August 24, 1871. Born in Exeter, N. Y., October 27, 1825. H. C. 1847. Ordained October 27, 1852, pastor at Winchester, remaining until his death, but relieved from service, on account of sickness, the last two years of his life.

ACTING PASTOR:

Thomas Amory Hall, of and at Monterey, September 17, 1871. Born in Hawley, Mass., September 2, 1813. W. C. 1838. Ordained June 16, 1841, pastor at Dalton, Mass., remaining until 1847; became Principal of Academy at Lee, Mass.; was acting pastor at Otis, Mass., 1856 to 1864; labored in 1865 among the Freedmen at the South; was not again in active service until 1871, when he became acting pastor at Monterey.

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE:

Theodore Cooke, at Stow, August 27, 1871. Born in Northampton, Mass., October 27, 1815. W. C. 1842; Theol. Dep., Y. C. 1845. Ordained June 9, 1847, pastor at Stow, remaining until 1852; was acting pastor at Menasha, Wis., 1854 to 1857; at Woonsocket, R. I., 1857 to 1866; and resided at Stow, without charge, from 1867 until his death.

John Forbush, at Upton, July 19, 1871. Born in Upton, Mass., September 4, 1800. A. C. 1828. Ordained at Westborough, Mass., for home missionary service, October 6, 1830. Was Home Missionary at various places in Ohio, November 20, 1830 until 1849; and at various places in Maine 1852 to 1864, viz. (with others at the same time,) Farmington Falls, 1852–5, Mercer, 1855–6, Boothbay Harbor, 1856–8, Mercer, 1857–61, Madison Mills, 1861–4. Resided at Upton, Mass., without charge, 1864 until his death.

Ogden Hall, at Newtonville, May 6, 1872. Born September 15, 1815. Ordained October 13, 1858, pastor at East Hartland, Conn., remaining until 1859; was acting pastor at Poquonnock, Conn., May 1859 to 1860; at Holland, Mass., 1862 to 1864; at Assabet, Mass., 1866 to 1867; and afterwards temporarily at Chatham, Mass.

Charles James Hinsdale, at Blandford, October 17, 1871. Born in New York city, February 12, 1796. Y. C. 1815; Andover, class of 1819, course not completed; Princeton, 1819. On a missionary tour at the South 1820 to 1822. Ordained June 15, 1823, pastor at Meriden, Conn., remaining until December 1833; pastor at Blandford, Mass., January 20, 1836 to November 20, 1860, and acting pastor until 1863; and resided there until his death.

Albert Hopkins, LL. D., at Williamstown, May 24, 1872. Born in Stockbridge, Mass., July 14, 1807. W. C. 1826. Tutor, W. C., 1827–9; Professor, 1829 until his death. Licensed by Berkshire Association in 1834, but not ordained until December 26, 1869. He officiated with the First church in Williamstown, and also gathered the Union church at Fair Oaks, in Williamstown.

Erastus Hopkins, at Northampton, January 24, 1872. Born in Hadley, Mass., April 7, 1810. D. C. 1830; Princeton Theol., 1834. Ordained April 6, 1835, acting pastor of Presbyterian church at Beech Island, S. C., remaining until 1837; was pastor of Second Presb. church, Troy, N. Y., September 13, 1837 to 1841; without pastoral charge, at Northampton, 1841 until his death. He joined Hampshire Association in 1866.

Francis Norwood, at Beverly, October 6, 1871. Born in Rockport, Mass., November 2, 1797. D. C. 1818; Andover, 1821. Ordained July 5, 1826, pastor at Laconia, N. H., remaining until May 30, 1830; pastor at Wilmington, Mass., May 18, 1831 to 1843; acting pastor at Windsor, Mass., 1844 to 1846; pastor at Washington, Mass., September 1, 1846 to October 15, 1851; acting pastor at West Granville, Mass., 1852 to 1855; at Barkhamsted, Conn., January 1855 to March 1857; at Phipsburg, Me., June 1858 to 1867; resided at Beverly, Mass., without charge 1867 to 1869; was appointed chaplain of House of Correction at Ipswich, Mass., 1869.

David Oliphant, at St. Louis, Mo., October 26, 1871. Born in Waterford, N. Y., November

9, 1791. Union, 1810; Andover, 1813. Ordained May 25, 1815, pastor at Keene, N. H., remaining until autumn 1817; was pastor of Dane st. church, Beverly, Mass., February 18, 1818 to 1834; Second church, Wells, Me., September 24, 1834 to March 28, 1838; acting pastor at North Haverhill, Mass., 1834 to 1853; without charge, from 1853, residing principally at Andover, Mass., but in the last years visiting his children; he died at the house of his son in St. Louis, Mo.

Asa Rand, at Ashburnham, August 24, 1871. Born in Rindge, N. H,, August 6, 1783. D. C. 1806. Ordained January 18, 1809, pastor at Gorham, Me., remaining until June 12, 1822; editor of *Mirror*, Portland, Me., 1822 to 1825; teacher at Brookfield, Mass., in 1826; co-editor of Boston *Recorder*, 1826 to 1831, with other papers; afterwards on Lowell *Observer*; anti-slavery lecturer, 1835 to 1837; acting pastor at Pompey, N. Y., September, 1837 to 1841, and then at Peterborough, N. Y., five years, and subsequently at Phillips, Me., and in Ohio; retired from active service in 1855, residing at Ashburnham until his death.

Lubin Burton Rockwood, at Boston Highlands, May 7, 1872. Born in Wilton, N. H., April 8, 1816. D. C. 1839; Union Theol. Sem., 1843. Financial Agent Union Theological Seminary, 1843 to 1850. Ordained (Presbyterian) April 18, 1845. Was pastor at Rocky Hill, Conn., July 10, 1850 to January 10, 1859; District Secretary of American (N. Y.) Tract Society, at Boston, 1859 until his death.

Stephen Sanford Smith, at Worcester, October 29, 1871. Born in Haverhill, N. H., April 14, 1797. Ordained in Carver, Mass., November 11, 1831. Was Home Missionary at Quincy, Mass., October 1832 to April 1833. Pastor at Westminster, Mass., November 10, 1841 to 1849; afterwards agent of a Society; pastor at Warren, Mass., April 18, 1854 to March 17, 1863; acting pastor of Salem church, Chicago, Ill., 1863 to 1866; without charge since 1866.

Ebenezer Burt Wright, at Huntington, August 19, 1871. Born in Westhampton, Mass., April 12, 1795. W. C. 1814; Andover, 1817. Ordained December 8, 1819, pastor at Ludlow, Mass., remaining until 1833; acting pastor at South Wilbraham, Mass., 1833 to 1835; pastor at Chicopee, Mass., October 7, 1835 to 1839; acting pastor at Huntington, Mass., 1839 to 1842, and pastor February 23, 1842 to 1848; acting pastor at Ludlow Mills, Mass., 1851 to 1854; Chaplain at State Alms House, Monson, Mass., 1854 to 1859, and 1860 to 1864; resided, without charge, at Huntington, 1864 until his death.

The average age of the above was 68 years. The average *ministerial* life was 39 years and 5 months.

ERRATUM.

Add the following to list of Members at Large of the Committee on Home Evangelization, p. 57: Hon. Reuben A. Chapman, Hon. S. Angier Chace, Joseph S. Ropes, Esq., Marshall S. Scudder, Esq., Mr. Charles Washburne.

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NOTICES FOR 1874.

Meeting of 1874, — at Lynn, with the First Church, on the third Tuesday of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Provisional Committee for 1874, — Rev. Stephen R. Dennen (of Lynn,) Dea. J. W. Abbott, Rev. Albert H. Currier, Dea. N. C. Rollins, and Rev. Edward S. Atwood.

Associational Preacher for 1874, — to be designated by Essex South Association.

Special for Session of 1874, — Election of Secretary, and of Registrar. Election of nine delegates, and nine alternates, to the NATIONAL COUNCIL. Report of Committee on non-resident membership, Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, Chairman. Report of Committee on Systematic Giving, Joseph S. Ropes, of Boston, Chairman.

Collection of Statistics. — The Secretary sends, early in December, a sufficient number of "blanks" to the Statistical Scribes of the several Associations. Each Scribe sends, in December, a "blank" to each Pastor, Acting Pastor, or Clerk, of the churches within his territorial limits; and the Pastors, etc., return the blank, properly filled, to the Statistical Scribe on or before January 10. Each Statistical Scribe sends all of his reports to the Secretary, February 1; if any are then delinquent, securing returns and forwarding as fast as obtained.

Taxes. — A sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member, to be collected by the Treasurers of the local Conferences of Churches, and paid to George E. Clarke, Falmouth, Mass. The number of such resident members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches, printed in this pamphlet. These taxes are now due.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, New Bedford, Secretary, ... 1856–
REV. JAMES P. KIMBALL, Haydenville, Registrar, ... 1868–
GEORGE E. CLARKE, Falmouth, Treasurer, ... 1872–

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Congregational House, Boston, is Secretary of the STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES, a list of whose members will be found by referring to the Index, last page of this pamphlet.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met in the meeting-house of the First Congregational church in Natick, June 17, 1873, at 4 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, pastor of the church.

The credentials of members were presented, and the list read by the Registrar.

A quorum being present, a ballot was had for annual officers, and Rev. James H. Means, of Boston, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. James H. Fitts, of Topsfield, Assistant Registrar.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, and Dea. Eleazer Porter, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Delegates from the Ministerial Associations:

Andover, — Rev. Joseph Boardman.
Berkshire North, — Rev. Hiram W. Gilbert, Rev. Charles E. Stebbins.
Berkshire South, — Rev. Nahum Gale, Rev. Mason Noble, Jr.
Brookfield, — Rev. Edwin Smith.
Cape Cod, — Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Rev. Frederick Oxnard.
Essex North, — Rev. Ephraim W. Allen, Rev. Lyman H. Blake.
Essex South, — Rev. Oliver P. Emerson, Rev. Eli W. Harrington.
Franklin, — Rev. Theodore J. Clark, Rev. Brainerd B. Cutler.
Hampden East, — Rev. Edward B. Chamberlain, Rev. Eli B. Clark.
Hampden West, — Rev. Nelson Scott.
Hampshire, — Rev. Pliny F. Barnard, Rev. William S. Leavitt.
Hampshire East, — Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, Rev. David Eastman.
Mendon, — Rev. Joseph M. R. Eaton, Rev. Luther Keene.
Middlesex South, — Rev. Charles Jones, Rev. Daniel Wight.
Middlesex Union, — Rev. Henry H. Hamilton, Rev. Leverett W. Spring.
Norfolk, — Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant, Rev. Joshua Emery.
Old Colony, — Rev. William B. Hammond, Rev. Edwin G. Smith.
Plymouth, — Rev. Cyrus W. Allen, Rev. Timothy D. P. Stone.
Salem, — Rev. James H. Fitts, Rev. Charles B. Rice.
Suffolk North, — Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, Rev. George R. Leavitt.
Suffolk South, — Rev. James H. Means, Rev. John O. Means.

Suffolk West, — Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, Rev. Israel P. Warren.
Taunton, — Rev. Erastus Maltby, Rev. Thomas T. Richmond.
Woburn, — Rev. Solon Cobb.
Worcester Central, — Rev. William P. Paine.
Worcester North, — Rev. Davis Foster, Rev. Walter Rice.
Worcester South, — Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Stacy Fowler.

Delegates from the local Conferences of Churches:

Andover, — George A. Fuller.
Barnstable, — Dea. Timothy Hatch.
Berkshire North, — *None.*
Berkshire South, — *None.*
Brookfield, — Dea. I. C. Marsh.
Essex North, — S. W. Carlton, H. P. Davis, Dea. Wm. Thurston.
Essex South, — J. W. Abbott.
Franklin, — *None.*
Hampden, — G. S. Taylor.
Hampshire, — Dea. T. P. Bates, Charles D. Waite.
Hampshire East, — Dea. Eleazer Porter, J. H. M. Leland.
Mendon, — Benjamin Chenery, A. P. Phillips.
Middlesex South, — M. V. B. Bartlett, George Batchelder.
Middlesex Union, — L. Rowell.
Norfolk, — George Beals, A. P. Nash.
Old Colony, — Charles T. Leonard, George H. Shaw.
Pilgrim, — *None.*
Suffolk North, — *None.*
Suffolk South, — C. W. Hill, J. A. Newell.
Taunton, — D. S. Cobb.
Woburn, — H. G. Aborn, G. R. Gage, E. Boynton.
Worcester Central, — Wm. Murdock.
Worcester North, — *None.*
Worcester South, — L. Stockwell.

Massachusetts Home Missionary Society:

Dea. A. J. Lincoln.

Ex-Officio:

Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, *Pastor of the Church.*
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, *Secretary.*
Rev. James P. Kimball, *Registrar.*
George E. Clarke, *Treasurer.*

HONORARY MEMBERS.

By Previous Appointments:

Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, *Preacher of the Opening Sermon.*
Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, *Preacher of the Associational Sermon.*
Joseph S. Ropes.

Also:

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, *Secretary of Home Evangelization.*
Rev. Henry B. Hooker, *Secretary Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.*
Rev. William Barrows, *Secretary Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.*
Rev. Christopher Cushing, *Secretary Congregational Union.*
Rev. Horatio Q. Butterfield, *Secretary College Society.*
Rev. Edwin B. Webb.
Rev. Orpheus T. Lanphear.
Rev. Joshua T. Tucker.

COMMITTEES.

Rev. Charles B. Rice, Rev. Hiram W. Gilbert, Rev. Ephraim W. Allen, Bro. George H. Shaw, and Dea. L. Stockwell, were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Dea. Wm. Thurston, and Rev. Charles E. Stebbins, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements.

After singing, the Association took a recess until evening.

Tuesday Evening, 7½ o'clock. The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Solon Cobb, of Medford. A sermon was preached by Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, of Amherst, from I Corinthian, xvi, 2: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, of Brookline, and the meeting closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, June 18. The Association assembled at 8½ o'clock, A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. George R. Leavitt, of Cambridgeport.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the chair and offered prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll of members was then called by the Registrar.

Bros. George S. Taylor and George A. Fuller were appointed Auditing Committee.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., and others, suggesting an advisory union of all Evangelical denominations, which communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Israel P. Warren, Rev. Nahum Gale,

Rev. John O. Means, Rev. Erastus Maltby, and Dea. Charles W. Hill, who subsequently made the following report:

The subject referred to this Committee comes before the General Association in a letter of Rev. Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Professor in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., signed by himself and fifty-two other clergymen of distinction, of different Evangelical denominations. It proposes "the establishment of more definite relations of fraternal unity and love, among the disciples of our Lord, by the formation of a voluntary Advisory Confederation; which, whilst it leaves intact the denominational organization of all the churches, will confer greater visibility on the spiritual unity now actually existing." The letter is accompanied by a "Provisional Sketch of a Plan for a general Protestant Union among all Evangelical denominations."

The basis of this "Plan" is to be the existing "World's Evangelical Alliance" instituted in London in 1846, with its several Branch National Alliances, British, American, German, Dutch, French, Swiss, etc. It is proposed to add to this as a new feature, the making of the several denominations themselves, through their highest Ecclesiastical bodies, the constituencies of the National Alliance,—at least in the United States; so that the members, instead of being simple individuals having no representative character, shall consist of delegations from said bodies, to the number of twenty-five for each denomination having not less than five hundred ministers, or a proportional number for a smaller denomination; these delegates to be lay and clerical, of each an equal number.

The doctrinal basis of the Union is to be that of the World's Alliance as adopted in London in 1846.

Its powers are to be those only of an Advisory Council.

Its general objects will be: 1. To promote the Evangelization of the heathen by a comprehensive survey of the great missionary work, and by mutual consultation to secure the most harmonious and economical prosecution of that work throughout the world. 2. To labor for the application of the principles of the gospel to all international questions, and to secure the triumphs of universal peace. 3. To discuss and promote the cause of religious liberty.

The "Provisional Sketch" presented in this communication gives in considerable detail, the methods of organization and of work which are embraced in the plan, but as these are confessedly only provisional and suggestive, to be adopted or modified by the Union itself when formed, it does not seem necessary to dwell upon them here. Enough, perhaps, has been said, to show the general design of the movement, and something of the mode in which it is proposed to seek to carry it out.

In regard to the subject thus brought to our consideration,—the union of all Evangelical Christians in love and labor for the cause of our common Lord,—your Committee believe there can be no difference in sentiment in this body or among the churches it represents. From its earliest history the spirit of Congregationalism has been one of large and comprehensive

liberality. It has ever believed that vital union with Christ is more than adherence to sect; nay, for two hundred years in its practical unselfishness, it has, in this country been too indifferent to its denominational interests, to seek to maintain its own, in the growth of the nation. Had it done so, with the zeal which has characterized some of our sister denominations, there is little reason to doubt that it would today, in membership as well as in moral power, have been the foremost religious communion in America. And especially at the present time, when assaults are multiplying on either hand from avowed unbelief, and from hierarchical and ritualistic propagandism, do we hail with joy, every *manifestation* of a warmer love among all true Christians, and a sweeter fellowship of spirit, and service to our common Saviour. We rejoice at the removal of each barrier that has hitherto separated the different families of his people. Such barriers, whether they be of opinion or practice, of organization or of ceremonial, we believe to be contrary to the spirit of the gospel, which must be put away before the kingdom of God can come with power, and the world can be converted to him.

The question, however, whether the union of love and labor so desirable among Christians is to be sought by an *organic* connection, is quite a different one. There has been of late years a growing conviction among the best men of all denominations that such attempted ties are inconvenient, and, in the infirmities of our nature, more apt to endanger, than to secure, a true union. In the work of missions, for example, there can be no doubt that much more is being done and better done by the several denominations since each has come to have its own agency for doing it, than ever before. And just as fast as the missionary spirit has increased among their members, and their prayers and gifts have abounded, just so fast have their hearts been drawn out in love towards all those who are doing a similar work. When our eyes are most intently fixed on the great field of the world, we see least of the narrow bounds which fence in our own little sectarian territories. But while we have doubts as to the wisdom of attempting to effect the purposes in view by any *organic* union of denominations, we have still so much at heart the beautiful result which is sought, that we cannot be indifferent to any earnest endeavor in any quarter to effect it. It is well known that a large delegation of eminent gentlemen from abroad are expected to visit this country in October, in behalf of this cause, and to attend the meeting of the World's Alliance, to be held that month in New York. The meeting will be one doubtless of great interest, and the presence of those brethren among us will be most cordially welcomed. We should deeply regret it if they should fail to meet as cordial a reception, and as warm a response to the sentiments of Christian love and fellowship they may extend, from the Congregational churches of this country, as from those of any other denomination. It would do us great injustice, if through any seeming indifference or inattention, they and the various religious bodies in Europe which they represent should receive the impression that Congregationalists who are certainly not behind any others in catholicity

of spirit should be least ready to partake in any promising endeavor to promote the cause of Christian union.

While, according to the plan suggested, it will be left to the National Council of our churches to appoint, if they see fit, the delegation of twenty-five to represent them in the National Branch of the Alliance, yet as that body does not assemble till 1874, it is desired by the authors of the communication sent us that a delegation, in proportion to the number of our churches, be appointed by this General Association, to meet the World's Alliance next October. Your Committee, therefore, while expressing no opinion as to the proposed details of the business to be done on that occasion, see no harm that can be likely to come from a meeting for prayer and conference with so many brethren from other branches of the Christian family, while they should hope that great good may come from it. They would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in compliance with the request which has been sent to this General Association, three ministers and two laymen be appointed to attend the meeting of the World's Evangelical Alliance, in the city of New York, in October next, for fraternal consultation and fellowship with the members of that body; it being understood however, that these delegates shall have no power to commit either the Association or the churches of the commonwealth to any plan of *organic* connection with said Alliance, or the religious bodies represented in it; and that they shall report their proceedings to the next annual meeting of this Association.

The report was accepted, the accompanying resolution was adopted, and the following brothers were appointed delegates, viz: Rev. Mark Hopkins, Rev. James H. Means, Edward S. Tobey, Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, and Dea. William Hyde.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bro. George E. Clarke, Treasurer, presented his report, which was examined by the Auditing Committee and found to be correct. They recommended that the report be printed, and that a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member be collected by the Treasurers of the local Conferences, and forwarded to the Treasurer of this Association. It was voted that the report be put on file and the recommendation adopted.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. Joshua T. Tucker, in behalf of a special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association to consider the whole

subject of Home Evangelization and Home Missions, presented a report which was accepted and laid on the table.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. John W. Chickering made a statement of the work of the Massachusetts Temperance Society.

The following resolutions, reported by the Committee of Arrangements, were adopted:

Resolved, That we have reason to rejoice in the recent action of our State Legislature by which beer is included in the Prohibitory Law; and that all lovers of sobriety and order are called to the exercise of union and vigorous action in putting into execution the law as it now stands.

Resolved, That the reported wakeful and earnest endeavors of the brewers and their allies to secure a repeal of the beer clause and to proclaim their business as at once respectable, honorable and safe, call for great vigilance on the part of all temperance men and women.

Resolved, That it is a matter of regret that the Legislature did not also include cider in the articles prohibited.

Since a symmetrical Christian character is to be sought most earnestly, and *consistency* is essential hereto; and since whatever habit injures the body, in so far hinders the attainment of such a character, and the use of opium and tobacco as truly as of alcoholic drinks does this: therefore

Resolved, That truth, love and righteousness alike require all Christians, and most especially all ministers, to abstain from such use.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy made a statement in regard to the Congregational Building in Boston.

DISCUSSION.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. P. Paine, the following question was taken up for discussion—*How can we best develop the grace of giving among our church members?* The discussion was opened by Joseph S. Ropes, of Boston, and continued by Geo. T. Shelton, of Birmingham, Conn., and by Rev. Messrs. Mason Noble, Jr., John W. Harding, George R. Leavitt, Jesse H. Jones, James M. Whiton, Ephraim W. Allen, and Solon Cobb. The following resolution, presented by Rev. George R. Leavitt, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association has heard with interest, that many churches have found the weekly offering a help in developing the grace of giving, and desire to express approval of this method of raising contributions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary presented an abstract of his annual report, which was approved.

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. John W. Harding and Bro. Chas. H. Coffin were recommended as candidates for election as members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

The Association then took a recess till afternoon.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Association reassembled and was opened with singing, and Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe offered prayer.

HOME EVANGELIZATION.

An abstract of the report of the Home Evangelization Committee was presented by Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, and it was voted that the report be accepted and printed.

At 3 o'clock, prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. A. Houghton, and the Association took a recess, giving place to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, its president, in the chair.

At 5½, P. M., the business of the Association was resumed.

HOME EVANGELIZATION: "CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS."

The State Committee on Home Evangelization laid before the Association a *Form of Preliminary Organization*, entitled "Christian Neighbors," designed to bring together the Christian people in any new place, so as to secure to them the benefits of communion in word and work, while as yet the communicants there are too few or too much divided to form a church,—with the following preamble:

When a few Christian people find themselves providentially thrown together in some little community, at inconvenient distance from church, they OUGHT TO UNITE, in a simple way, for the promotion of their own spiritual good and that of the people about them. Putting out of sight differences about unessential matters, let them come together on terms of perfect individual equality, SIMPLY AS CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS:—agreeing that they will try to be to one another what this name signifies; and fixing upon certain particular ways in which they will do this.

This matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, Rev. Luther Keene, and Bro. E. Boynton, who reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

Your committee have considered the question submitted to them with less time and thought than they could wish, but they find that many churches have been gathered from the simplest beginnings, and that often neighborhoods have been greatly benefited and souls saved by Christian effort where churches could not be formed; and they find also with sorrow that many opportunities of great usefulness have been lost, and ground that ought to have been held has passed into other hands for want of some plan of effort, and are persuaded that much may be accomplished in reaching neighborhoods and outlying districts by some method which the churches shall propose and approve; and they rejoice to believe that our church polity is safe and will not suffer by such methods, and that this polity is wise enough and flexible enough to do all necessary work in the Kingdom of Christ on earth, and that on a truly Scriptural basis, and under the watchful eye of our pastors and churches we are not likely to encourage loose and unsafe methods. Therefore your Committee recommend the following *basis of action* for the neighborhoods in question:

BASIS.

"We acknowledge God's claims upon our gratitude, love and faithful service, our need of salvation through Christ, and our dependence on the Holy Spirit. We receive the Bible, God's inspired word, as our only safe guide in faith and duty. We recognize the obligation to keep the Sabbath holy, to worship God, to train our children in the love and fear of God, and to do good to all men as we have ability and opportunity.

"Holding these truths and desiring to secure these objects, ... "

Two *forms* are suggested, to be modified as circumstances may require:

FORMS.

One form is as follows:

"The undersigned agree to unite as the Christian Neighbors of . . . .

. . . . . .

"We purpose to do what we can, to maintain a real Christian fellowship among ourselves, and to awaken the love of the Saviour in the hearts of those within our reach. ALSO, in a neighborly way, to be attentive to strangers, the young, the sick and the poor."

"The association is organized by the appointment of a Chairman and Clerk; with such other officers and such committees as may, from time to time, be necessary."

"It will hold regular meetings for prayer and conference; and adopt such other measures as may promise to promote the above named object."

Another form, more explicit, is as follows:

"The undersigned agree to unite as the Christian Neighbors of . . . .

. . . . . .

"WE PURPOSE to do what we can, both jointly and severally, to prove ourselves true Christian neighbors to one another and to the people about us; to maintain a Christian fellowship and activity; and to awaken and cherish the love of the Saviour, in all within our reach.

"To *these ends*, we propose—To maintain Prayer-meetings, and a Sunday school—with the preaching of the Gospel as often as may be practicable:

"To hold meetings for the service of God in song;—obtaining suitable instruction in sacred music:

"To make arrangements for securing a prompt welcome of strangers:

"To give neighborly sympathy and help to the poor, and persons temporarily out of work:

"To see that the sick receive thoughtful care, and that persons are always ready to watch with them:

"To look after neglected children; or youth that may be in peculiar moral danger.

"To promote Temperance and good morals:

"To provide occasions of wholesome and pleasant social intercourse, bringing all ages together.

"The Christian Neighbors will have a Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer:—with Committees, of at least one man and one woman, to look after so many of the aforenamed objects as can be provided for.

"A record shall be kept of all prayer meetings and meetings for business; and, so far as convenient, of all work reported and its results.

"Once a month at a regular prayer meeting, these records shall be reviewed, and the question of any advance or improvement may be considered.

"If a minister is to be engaged for an extended term, all persons aiding in good faith in his support and in promoting the objects of the Association, have a right to vote upon any nomination."

AMENDMENTS OF RULES.

The State Committee on Home Evangelization recommended modifications of the Rules of the Association, as follows:

In Article XII, Section 2, paragraph 2, instead of "A Committee on Home Evangelization," read *A State Committee on the Work of the Churches.* In Article XIV, Section 2, omit from the end of the paragraph the words, "and Home Evangelization."

Which recommendations, after being laid over the usual time, were adopted.

The Association then took a recess till evening.

Wednesday, 7¾ *P. M.* The Association met for conference and prayer under the lead of the Moderator, who read the 17th chapter of John. The following persons, with others, took part in the exercises by prayer or remarks,—Rev. Messrs. Nahum Gale, Stephen R. Dennen, Josiah W. Turner, Asa Mann, Charles Seccombe, Joshua T. Tucker, Marcus Ames, Hiram W. Gilbert.

The meeting was closed with singing, and the benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, June 19. The Association reassembled at 8½ o'clock, A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Dea. William Thurston.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the chair. The roll was called, and after prayer by the Moderator, the minutes were read.

SESSION OF 1874.

Voted, That the session of 1874 be held with the First Church in Lynn; and the following were chosen a Provisional Committee: Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, Dea. J. W. Abbott, Rev. Albert H. Currier, Dea. N. C. Rollins, and Rev. Edward S. Atwood.

The Association designated Essex South Association to appoint a preacher before the Lord's Supper.

A State Committee on the Work of the Churches was appointed. (See Appendix.)

CHAPELS.

Rev. Chas. B. Rice presented the following resolutions in respect to the erection of Chapels, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the importance of adequate provision for the seasonable erection of Chapels, in places where there is no church organization, should lead the churches to consider the needs of the population in such localities, and to furnish the American Congregational Union with the funds necessary for the erection of such Chapels wherever they are needed throughout the State.

Resolved, That local organizations auxiliary to the American Congregational Union, or action in the District Conferences of churches, in connection with the American Congregational Union, to meet local wants as respects houses of worship, would receive our hearty approval.

On motion of Rev. A. H. Quint, it was

Resolved, That the central idea for the sessions of the General Association is the consideration of the state of Religion, and of the various methods of the work of the churches in the cause of the Redeemer. And that it is desirable that the Provisional Committee for the next year arrange the programme in that special view.

SEAMEN.

Rev. Stephen H. Hayes offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, Among the great interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, are the four or five millions of seamen, from all nations, toiling for our common welfare, and on an average wearing out in less than twelve years. And *whereas* they are without home, or country, or religious privilege, as we count these blessings, and yet are seldom sceptical, easily reached by the gospel, and manly in the defence of it. And *whereas* our commerce is increasing, our vessels multiplying, there having been 10,000 entries of various classes of vessels at the single port of Boston in 1872. And *whereas*, whether Christians or not, seamen represent our Christianity among the nations: Therefore,

Resolved, That we ought to remember more earnestly in our prayers this useful but much neglected class of men, and that we should increase our efforts and our contributions to furnish them with the Bread of Life.

BENEVOLENCE.

On motion of Rev. Joseph Boardman, it was

Voted, That a Committee of five be appointed to report at the next annual meeting what action, if any, this Association may wisely take in the endeavor to lead the members of our churches to the more general practice of proportionate and systematic giving of property to Christ's work.

And Joseph S. Ropes, Rev. Jas. M. Whiton, Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Rev. Joseph Boardman, and Rev. Eli B. Clark, were chosen such committee.

ABSENTEES.

Rev. Elnathan E. Strong presented the following resolution:

Resolved, In view of the fact that our statistics show that one sixth of the enrolled members of our churches are living away from the churches to which they belong, the Association calls attention to what it can but regard as a great evil, resulting in detriment to the piety and efficiency of these absentees and to the general success of the Kingdom of Christ. And we recommend to pastors and churches a more vigorous effort to enforce a rule requiring that in all ordinary cases members absent for more than one year shall apply for letters of dismissal and recommendation to the church where they reside.

This resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, Rev. Albert H. Plumb, and William R. Hill, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Association.

On motion of Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, it was

Voted, That the Association tender to Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, their sincere and hearty thanks for the valuable service that he has rendered to the work of Home Evangelization in this State, in laying good foundations for its more rapid and efficient development.

MINISTERIAL AID.

Rev. John Pike made a statement in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Aid, and after remarks from several members of the Association, it was

Voted, That the ministerial fund to provide for disabled and superannuated ministers, and their families, be put upon the list of our charities and that we recommend that a collection be taken up for it by our churches annually.

DISCUSSION.

After singing, the Association entered upon the discussion of the following subject— *The relation of the church to the non-professing part of our population, and how to reach them.*

The discussion was opened by Rev. William C. Pond, of California. He was followed by Rev. William P. Paine, Rev. Luther Keene, Rev. Jesse H. Jones, Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, and Rev. Nahum Gale.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. James P. Kimball, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the First Church in Natick and its pastor, for receiving us so cordially to their homes

and extending to us such ample Christian hospitality. Thanks are also tendered to the choir of the First church for leading us so acceptably in the service of song, and to the several railroads which have given return tickets to persons attending the meeting. These railroads are, the Boston & Albany, Boston Clinton & Fitchburg, Old Colony, Connecticut River, and New Haven & Northampton.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be given to the Moderator for his courteous manner in presiding.

Voted, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet for the sermon and sacrament, at the close of which the Association stand adjourned *sine die*.

The minutes were read, amended, and approved, after which the Association took a recess until two o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.* A sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, of Newburyport, from Matt. xxvi, 20: "And when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve."

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Franklin P. Chapin.

After the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. William C. Pond and Rev. George E. Adams officiating.

The Association then stood adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES H. MEANS, *Moderator*.

JAS. P. KIMBALL, *Registrar*.
JAMES H. FITTS, *Assistant Registrar*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS, *in account with* GEO. E. CLARKE, *Treasurer.*

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1872.		
Aug. 5.	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising, ...	$7.30
1873.		
Jan. 4.	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising, ...	4.00
10 to April 8	To cash paid E. Anthony & Sons, for printing 2500 copies of the "Minutes," 1450 circulars, wrapping paper, express charges, postage, &c., ...	835.99
June 16.	To cash paid Gazette Printing Co., for 350 programmes, .	7.00
18.	To cash paid Rev. J. P. Kimball, for travelling expenses, stationery and postage, ...	11.00
	To cash paid Rev. A. H. Quint, for stationery, postage, &c.,	13.60
	To cash paid Treasurer's expenses for travel, stationery and postage, ...	3.00
	To cash paid Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, for sundry expenses as Secretary of the Home Evangelization Committee, . .	12.50
	Balance in the Treasury.	285.59
		$1,179.98

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By cash received from the former Treasurer, ... $288.29

By cash received from the several Conferences as follows, viz.:

1871. Aug. 10, Barnstable, (for 1871-2,) $11.15; Dec. 4, Franklin, $25.00; Dec. 23, Old Colony, $32.40. 1873, Jan. 2 and June 5, Worcester Central, $54.08; Jan. 6, Taunton, 25.00; Jan. 31, Middlesex Union, $35.00; Jan. 31, Hampshire, $55.00; March 3, Woburn, $48.26; March 5, Middlesex South, $31.85; March 14 and June 9, Hampden, $50.00; March 17, Suffolk North, $86.32; March 20 and June 18, Worcester North, $30.50; April 1, Brookfield, $49.70; April 10 and June 13, Suffolk South, $106.75; April 16 and June 9, Essex South, $70.24; April 22, Andover, $64.60; May 16, Norfolk, $50.00; June 9, Essex North, $34.00; June 18, Barnstable, $31.84.

Total receipts, ... $1,179.98

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME.—This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT.—Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality; and to cooperate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS.—This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865; the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS.—Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS.—Each District Association of ministers consenting to the principles above stated, may appoint, annually, two delegates; and each District Conference of churches, also so consenting, may appoint, annually, three delegates, who shall be laymen; which delegates, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS.—1. A Secretary, a Registrar, and a Treasurer, shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible.

2. A Moderator, and an Assistant Registrar, shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each session, to serve during that session.

3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of the ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof, distribute the publications of the Association, and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The Registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association; to whom the Assistant

Registrar shall render his aid. He shall seasonably notify the time and place of each annual session.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and be the Committee of Publication unless another be chosen. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. QUORUM.—Twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, at four o'clock P. M., (or at some other more convenient hour,) at such place as shall have been duly designated.

IX. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates, to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that Society.

X. CORRESPONDENCE.—Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States.

XI. ORGANIZATION.—The pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The certificates of the delegates present shall be presented,—only the names of members being read by the Registrar. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator and an Assistant Registrar, and the Moderator shall open the session with prayer. A Committee on Credentials shall then be appointed, to whom all certificates shall be referred.

XII. COMMITTEES.—1. The Committees for the session are these:

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, who shall be appointed by the Moderator immediately after the opening of the session.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following, and any other committees referred to them.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the pastor, or some member of the church shall be one, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the Committee. But if said Committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Committee to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the churches of the several Conferences connected with this body.

2. To act after the adjournment:

(1.) A Provisional Committee of five, to arrange the schedule for the next annual meeting; to select a preacher for a sermon on Wednesday, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(2.) A State Committee on the Work of the Churches, who shall make an annual report to this body, upon the Work of the Churches and State of Religion, unless otherwise ordered at any session.

XIII. EXERCISES.—The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of Home Evangelization, addresses and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIV. SPECIAL ORDERS.—1. At the opening of the session, on the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; shall direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer; and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

2. The associational sermon and Lord's supper shall be assigned to Thursday P. M., but may be changed to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association shall be devoted to the cause of Home Missions.

3. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer.

XV. PLACE OF MEETING.—Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and designate the Association (in alphabetical order) to appoint a preacher for the sermon before the Lord's supper. And the church of the place of meeting selected, is requested to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's supper in the course of the service. The Lord's supper shall be administered, generally, without remarks.

XVI. RULES OF ORDER.—1. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be opened to discussion until it be seconded.

2. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, laying on the table, amendment, postponement, commit-

ment, or the previous question. The previous question is this: Shall the main question be now put? And the effect of adopting it shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon the amendments, if any are pending, and then upon the main question proper.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

XVII. AMENDMENTS.—1. Any of the above Rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposal at the annual meeting next prior to that of action; and after notice has been sent to the several Associations and Conferences; and by a two-thirds vote.

REPORT

ON THE

WORK OF THE CHURCHES AND STATE OF RELIGION:

BEING

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE STATE COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.*

PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, AT NATICK,

JUNE 18th, 1873.

The General Association of 1872 adopted resolutions in which it expressed itself "thankful for the success which has already rewarded its efforts in the work of Home Evangelization"; "yet"—the resolutions proceed—"recognizing the magnitude of the work still resting upon its hands, deems the present no time for lessening its efforts" in behalf of this movement, "but on the contrary, feels called upon to enter upon a more active prosecution of the design which has already enlisted so much labor and prayer." The Association then specifies certain particular ways, in which it considers that this design ought to be more actively "prosecuted by the churches, declaring that it sees "increased reasons for urging upon the churches a more exact and thorough mapping out of the Christian work before them, in marking the boundaries of their parishes, in making out full lists of the families and individuals for whom they are responsible, and in adopting all feasibles measures for strengthening Christian ties, and promoting the peculiar work of the churches."

* This Committee is hereafter to be known as the STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

The Association then proposed a conference of Committees,— to consist of its own Committee on Home Evangelization, the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and a Special Committee, with "a view of determining" the whole matter respecting the "form" under which the work of its Committee, with certain portions also of the Society's work, should hereafter be carried on.

The Committees met in conference, as requested. This Conference, in its first meeting, recommended some very important additions to the recognized work of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. In a second meeting, and after a very full comparison of views, it determined in general the sphere of action hereafter to be assigned to your Committee. There was a general agreement, that the work of the churches within their own parishes belongs to themselves alone; and that the privilege of promoting correspondence among the churches, of collating such reports as they may choose to make to one another, in this Association, and of gathering therefrom a general yearly Report of church work and a Narrative of the State of Religion throughout the Commomwealth, appropriately belongs to those to whom the Association assigns this duty, and not to any voluntary Society.

In carrying out the work thus left upon their hands, your Committee has held three meetings, one in the fall, one during Anniversary week, and one this morning. These meetings were all attended by brethren from parts of the State remote from each other, and have been of important service, as we believe, in promoting the communion of the churches in their work. They also held a public Meeting, on Wednesday, May 28th, at which the following resolutions were discussed and adopted:

Resolutions of May 28th, 1873.

Resolved, 1, That in all our conflicts with evil, our only hope is in the promised presence of our Lord and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Resolved, 2, That we look to the church of Jesus Christ, as the one grand instrument and channel of divine operation; and the appointed agency on which, under God, we must ever chiefly rely for the salvation of men and the establishment of heavenly society throughout the earth.

Resolved, 3, That the churches of Massachusetts are imperatively called upon, at the present time, not to expect to do all their work in occasional seasons of revival, but, on the contrary, to organize systems of constant effort, enlisting, so far as practicable, all their members.

Resolved, 4, That, to this end, it is important that each church should define its work; maintaining a register, not only of all attendants upon its worship, but also and especially, of all non-attendants clearly within its care.

Resolved, 5, That it is essential to the success of the churches in their arduous task, that they stand shoulder to shoulder, helping one another in every possible way; freely communicating to each other the facts illustrating their position and experience; and statedly uniting in the considera-

tion of these facts and of the lessons thus providentially given. We cordially indorse the practice, now frequent in the local conferences, of regular reports and discussions on the work of the churches; and we would call the attention of all conferences to the importance of making this yearly review as searching and as earnest as possible.

Finally, resolved, that we call upon the General Association of this State to redouble its efforts for rousing the churches to earnest, organized, united and enthusiastic action. And we urgently invite our fellow believers throughout the country, to join in the prayer and endeavor, that the churches of our land may more and more be mighty and beloved, true temples of the Holy Ghost, and the dearest homes of the people.

In commencing a survey of the past year, your Committee cannot refrain from an expression of gratitude, that, so much earlier then it had ventured to hope, effective provision has been made for three important objects — the seasonable formation of new churches, the employment of ministerial assistants, wherever needed, and of lay helpers, men or women. The Home Missionary Society, which has now accepted this addition to its responsibility, is in most respects as able as it is willing to fulfil its requirements. In one respect, however, its power is inadequate.

In order to make certain the timely formation of a new church, in a growing community, it is often necessary to build a small chapel before there are people on the ground able and willing to do it for themselves. Some other denominations, more eager for growth than our own has been, have already provided funds for this purpose. We commend the subject to the attention of the Association, and offer, for its adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the attention of the American Congregational Union is invited to the importance of some adequate provision for the seasonable erection of Chapels. The Association hopes that some effective plan for the accomplishment of this object will be set in operation at the earliest moment, throughout the State.

Your Committee herewith lay before the Association a *Form of Preliminary Organization*,* entitled "CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS" — designed to bring together the Christian people in any new place, and to secure the benefits of Christian communion in word and work, while as yet the communicants are too few or too much divided to form a church; and we request that this paper may be referred to a special committee; with instructions to examine it and to report to the Association during the present session.

Furthermore, inasmuch as it is the principal duty of this Committee to prepare an Annual Report on the work of the churches and State of Religion, we recommend that hereafter it be known as THE STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

It is understood that some of the Local Conferences have already made a similar change of name.

* See page 11.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

The reports from most of the Local Conferences have been made, this year, in a gratifying manner. We had feared lest, while the new adjustment was in progress, the impression might get abroad, that the duties of this Committee had ceased. Undoubtedly, to some extent, this impression prevailed. But it is very evident that the great body of the pastors throughout the State are cordially cooperating with us; and that they are finding the *blanks* issued by the Committee to be a valuable help in preparing their annual statements. We have no doubt that this will more and more be the experience of the pastors; and that, by degrees, their returns to their respective Conferences will furnish materials for more instructive "Narratives" than have hitherto been possible. Doing this, they interchange the results of their experience and continually encourage one another to the utmost development of the working power of their churches. The churches are thus their own Superintendents.

The reports received vary greatly in length. Some Conferences which have hitherto sent in only meagre statements, now occupy large space. We have made no effort to reduce them to equality. They speak for themselves —and, so far as the nature of the case allows, in their own way.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 22; pastors, 18; stated preachers, 4; pulpits vacant, none; churches aided, 1;

The report prepared by the Chairman of the Committee of this Conference is here given nearly in full.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS. The number of churches is one less than a year ago; the *Free church, Lawrence*, having dissolved, December 1, 1872. The *West church, Dracut*, is hereafter to be known as the *Pawtucket* church.

Two pastors have been dismissed; and one minister has been installed. Three ministers have entered upon their labors as stated preachers. All the pulpits are filled.

MEMBERSHIP. At the close of the year, the communicants numbered, males, 1287; females, 3210; total, 4497. Of this number, 1099, or 25 per cent, are reported absent.

Five churches report no additions. The remaining 17 churches received on confession, 249; by letter, 133; total, 382. The removals were, by letter, 109; by death, 53; by excommunication, 3; total, 165. The net gain was 217; which is shared by 14 churches. Six churches have suffered a loss of 34; and in the other 2 churches, the membership remains unchanged.

THE BAPTISMS. Adults, 135; infants, 69. Of the 249 persons who united upon confession, 114 had been dedicated to the Lord in infant baptism. The *South church, Andover*, reports that, among its members, the baptism of infants is the rule, and the neglect of it the exception. Likewise from *North Andover*, we hear, that most of the children have thus been dedicated to Christ.

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS have a membership of 4884; and an average attendance of 3506; or 72 percent. This is an increase of 349 members over last year; and an improvement of 4 percent in average attendance. Two Schools show a decrease, and 7, a large gain.

The pastor of the *Central church, Lawrence*, devotes the afternoon service to an exposition of the lesson—an exercise which proves of great profit. At *Phillips Academy, Andover*, Biblical exercises are attended on the Lord's day by 180 students. The reports from the churches indicate that the "Lesson Papers" are generally very much liked.

SABBATH SERVICES. Some of the churches in *Andover* report a diminished attendance; and dread a growing disposition to devote to public worship only half the day. On the other hand, *North Andover* reports a marked increase, equally noticeable in the afternoon and in the morning.

An attempt has been made, in *Lowell*, to meet this evil, of a small afternoon audience, by deferring the second service till 6 o'clock—the Sunday school following the morning service; while that of the evening is succeeded by a prayer meeting. Up to the present time, the result is most satisfactory. The *Kirk Street church* is holding but one preaching service.

MISSION WORK. Some of the churches appear to have been negligent in their reports of work. Otherwise we should be compelled to consider that not a few of them are failing to meet their responsibilities. The *West church, Andover*, sustains two prayer-meetings, weekly, in out-districts. The *Seminary church* sends out its students regularly to labor in two branch Sunday schools. The *Pawtucket church, Dracut*, carries on two prayer-meetings in out-districts; one of which gathers in a goodly number of non-attendants. The *Lawrence Street church, Lawrence*, has a branch Sunday school of 150 members. For a part of the year, out-district prayer-meetings have been held by the church of *Methuen*, and the church of *Tewksbury*, with encouraging results. The *Appleton Street church, Lowell*, has recently *mapped out the parish* for which it counts itself responsible, and has organized a "Mission Circle" to work therein. Its endeavor is to enlist as many of its members as possible in canvassing this parish, and "to connect every house with some church." The *Pawtucket church, Dracut*, is at work upon the same plan. The *First church, Lowell*, and the churches of *Ballardvale* and *Tewksbury*, have likewise defined their parishes. The *Andover Conference*, at its meeting in the fall of 1872, recommended this measure to all its churches. Another year may see it still more largely adopted.

TEMPERANCE. In the cities, there is "free rum." The hope of making the law effective seemed, last year, to be growing less and less. This fact is leading some to lean more strongly toward moral suasion. In *Lawrence*, where the sad workings of intemperance are reported as "fearful," a "Reform Club" has been organized, and has done much good; leading hundreds of drunkards and moderate drinkers to sign the pledge; thereby saving many young men, and giving a check to the drinking habits of the community. *Methuen*, likewise, reports a "temperance revival," in which the town has been aroused.

THE PRAYER MEETINGS appear to be generally in a vigorous condition. Some country churches however feel the loss of the young men. The report of the *Lawrence Street church, Lawrence*, dwells upon the advantages of "variety." By adopting the form of a "promise" or of a "praise" meeting, and by introducing Scripture recitation or reading upon a given topic, it has added to the interest.

CONTRIBUTIONS. These are given in a Table, furnished for the use of the churches.* The *Pawtucket church, Dracut*, has systematized its methods of collection, using envelopes and cards, and has thus *increased them a hundred percent.*

UPON THE WHOLE, the reports are highly encouraging. In *Andover*, there exists "a healthy religious interest better than the average of the last ten years"; and there has been "gain and improvement." At *Ballardvale*, "all is harmonious"; they "rejoice in conversions, and are hoping for more." At *North Chelmsford*, there is a visible improvement in the material, intellectual and spiritual tone of the community; there are promising tokens of harvest. The *Pawtucket Church, Dracut*, reports "quite a thorough organization for Christian work. The several committees are growing in efficiency and are doing good service." In *Lawrence*, society has been becoming more settled; in some of the churches there has been a steady growth, and Christ's kingdom has gained. The *Lowell churches* have increased in strength — with the exception of one, for six months deprived of the services of its pastor. The *First*, the *Kirk Street*, and the *John Street* churches have all been especially blessed, and have largely added to their membership. At *North Andover*, there has been an improvement, not only in attendance but in seriousness and interest; and new converts are adding new life to the social meetings. *Tewksbury* rejoices over a neat and well arranged vestry; and still more, over the in-gathering of nonattendants, and a steady gain in both numbers and interest. Upon a review of the year's history "we have fresh reason for laying strong hold upon the Divine promise: 'In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not.'"

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, 9; stated preachers, 4; pulpits vacant, 4; churches aided, 3.

The Committee of this Conference, in reviewing the past year, find cause of congratulation in the fact that "so many vacancies in the pastorates have been filled, and that the churches are so well equipped for efficient work." They "call attention to the increase of membership in many of the churches, and the enlarged contributions." The enterprise at the *White Oaks* has nearly tripled its membership, and has continued to make the desert to blossom. In a peculiar manner, God has been pleased to crown with his blessings the labors and prayers of the founder of this church, and of those who have taken his mantle and caught his spirit."

The Report concludes as follows:

* See Appendix.

ORGANIZED CHURCH WORK. "Your committee would emphasize the necessity of a complete occupation of the territory belonging to us as a Conference; and urge such union in the development, by each church, of the *parish idea*, that each may feel the sustaining and overlapping cooperation of the others.

"We would urge the division of each parish into neighborhoods, each one under the charge of committees of the church, who shall feel responsibility for the members of the church or congregation, and also for the habitual neglecters of the sanctuary, within specified bounds; and who shall make report to the church, from time to time, so that its members shall be kept informed of the condition and wants of its whole field." "We believe that each church should adopt the principle of *church responsibility for communities;* should define and distribute its work, so as to develop a sense of individual responsibility among its members; should have such an organization for this purpose as shall associate its members as a working society; and should thus render the changes in the pastorates — inevitable as things now are — no longer occasions for the cessation of church work and for relief from individual responsibility." "We would urge upon ministers and churches the adoption of some plan — either one of those recommended by the State Committee, or some other — by which the *parish idea* may be put into systematic operation."

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, 7; stated preachers, 9; pulpit vacant, 1; churches aided, 3. *Towns without regular services*, 2. The communicants in Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches are 14.97 percent of the population.

The Committee of this Conference, Rev. *Mason Noble*, Chairman, has presented an elaborate report covering the whole of Berkshire county, and showing the population of each town, the number of churches of the four denominations above mentioned, the number of communicants in each church and each town, and the percentage of communicants to the whole population. The tables will be found in the Appendix.

It should be observed that in these tables *it is assumed that the number of absentees is balanced by that of resident communicants who are connected elsewhere.*

From the body of the Report, we extract the following view of the condition of the several towns and churches. It appears to be worthy of being put upon record.

Becket. Three churches, Congregational, North, 107 members; Congregational, Centre, 56; Baptist, 73. The communicants are 17½ percent of the population. The old Centre Church alone is connected with this Conference. Thirty of its 56 members are absentees. The loss in its membership during the year was 3. Average attendance at Sunday school, 22. Contributions, $40.41.

The minister is a stated preacher.

Egremont. Three churches. Congregational, South, 122 members; Baptist, North, 49; Methodist, 65. The communicants form about 25 percent of the population. Gain in Congregational membership, 4. The average attendance at the Sunday school, 75. Contributions, $200.

The minister, a stated preacher.

Great Barrington. Six churches. At the centre, Congregational, 207 members; Episcopal, 121; Methodist 78; at Housatonic, Congregational, 90; Methodist, 72; at Vandeusenville, Episcopal, 42. The communicants form 14 percent of the population.

The church at the Centre has gained 10 during the year. Average attendance at its Sunday school, 130. Contributions, $530.92. The families in this parish number 250.

The minister, a pastor.

The church at Housatonic has gained 3. Average attendance at Sunday school, 65. Contributions, $49.

The minister, a stated preacher.

Lee. Four churches. Also two regular congregations, at East Lee, and South Lee; the latter having a resident minister, and the former being under the care of the pastor of the First church. The Congregational church has 410 members; the Baptist, 81; the Episcopal, 72; the Methodist, 102. The communicants are 17.68 percent of the population. The Congregational church has lost within the year, 10 by death, and 8 by dismissal; and receiving 11 on profession and 4 by letter, finds a net loss of 3. This church has for years aided very largely the enterprise at East Lee, its pastor bestowing much labor on it—and with most gratifying success.

Lenox. Three churches. Congregational, 179 members; Episcopal, 43; Methodist, 50; total, 272; or nearly 15 percent of the inhabitants. Net loss of the Congregational church, 4. Average attendance at its Sunday school, 60. Contributions, $125.18.

The minister, a pastor.

Monterey. One church. Congregational, with 103 members, or 15¼ percent of the population; which is the largest percentage of any *one* church within the geographical limits of the Conference. Rev. George W. Kinne, stated preacher, has sent a full and instructive report, from which the following facts are gathered. The number of families under the care of the church is 120. Several families are now regular in attendance who two years ago were neglecters. In several, family worship has been established. One meeting has been maintained in an out-district. Twelve persons have been added to the church, on profession of faith; and its net gain for the year is 8. The ratio of giving has been largely increased.

A *Church Circle.* Early in 1872, a meeting of young Christian people was called, and, contrary to the first expectation it was continued weekly through the year. It was designed for the cultivation of a habit of Christian intercourse. All formality was dispensed with, and every person was made to feel at liberty to take part. The attendance was not large; and a leader was scarcely needed—except for a prompt and appropriate opening and closing. Generally, direction was given to the conversation by the

suggestion of some theme of practical interest in reference to the Christian life; or sometimes, a passage of Scripture was the centre of thought. The influence of this "Circle" has been unexpectedly gratifying. There is a better acquaintance, and more freedom; and individuals have noticeably progressed in Christian experience.

The contributions of this church amounted to $80.90.

New Marlborough. Five churches. A Congregational church, at the *Centre*, of 70 families and 108 members; another at *Southville*, 89 members; and a third, at *Mill River*, 67 members. Total membership, 211. Also a Baptist church of 64, and a Methodist church of 20 members; all together constituting 14½ percent of the population of the town. There was a quiet improvement of the state of religion in the parish of the First church, through the year, the regular meetings being full of interest, preparing the way for the blessing since bestowed. Average attendance at the three Sunday schools, 185. Contributions of the First church, $401.

All three churches have pastors.

Otis. Population, 960. Two churches. Congregational, 60 members; Baptist, 11 members—but with no regular services. Communicants, 7½ percent of the population. No addition to the Congregational church. Loss, 6. Average attendance at its Sunday school, 75. Contributions, $10.

The minister, a stated preacher.

Sandisfield. Two churches. Congregational, 153 members; Baptist, 77; together embracing about 15½ percent of the population. Loss of the Congregational church, 2. Its congregation is now temporarily divided, part having removed to a village called New Boston, and a part still worshiping in the old centre. Previous to the removal, the Sunday school averaged, 110. Contributions, $22.

Sheffield. Four churches. Two Methodist, numbering together 227 members; Congregational, 137; and Episcopal, 27: making up in all, 16¾ percent of the population. The Congregational parish numbers 123 families. The sittings are free. Gain in church membership, 1. Average attendance at Sunday school, 82. Contributions, $437.50.

The minister is pastor.

Stockbridge. Four churches. Two Congregational, of 232 and 53 members; in both, 285; Episcopal, 66; Methodist, 55; in all, 403; or 19½ percent of the population. Fourteen persons joined the church at the Centre on confession of faith; its net gain was 5. It has under its care 136 families. Its members sustain a branch Sunday school at Glendale; three weekly prayer meetings in out-neighborhoods; extra prayer meetings and preaching services were also held; and there were 15 or 20 hopeful conversions. The general condition of the out-districts has improved. They have preaching once a month, by the pastor. Neglecters are more and more accepting invitations to attend the district meetings. There has been a marked improvement during the year. The kingdom of Christ has gained. Average attendance at Sunday school, 150. Contributions, $1,395.47.

The church at *Curtisville* has lost 2; its Sunday school has averaged

60; its contributions have amounted to $70.50. Rev. *Albert Nash, a Methodist*, has supplied its pulpit.

Tyringham, from which Monterey was set off in 1847, has a Methodist and a Baptist church, with an aggregate membership of 101, or 18 percent of the population. Average attendance at Sunday school, about 70.

West Stockbridge. Three churches. Two Congregational: the old church at the *Centre*, of 41 members; the church at the village, of 102; and a Methodist church, of 30; containing in all, 10½ percent of the population. The village church has lost 3 members, with no addition. Its Sunday school averages 100. Contribution, $65.92. It furnishes the Superintendent and several teachers for a branch Sunday school at State Line.

The "old Church" has neither minister or deacons. Its former pastor preaches occasionally in the meeting house, and at other times in his own house. There has been considerable interest, with some conversions in connection with neighborhood prayer meetings. Six additions. No losses.

Mount Washington contained in 1870 a population of 256, mostly living in a hollow on the top of the mountain known as "the Dome," in the southwestern corner of the county. A chapel has been built, by the help of the Congregational churches of southern Berkshire, and religious services are maintained a part of the time.

Alford. The population of this town in 1870 was 430—a loss of 31 in five years. It has a pretty good house of worship, a few church members, but no regular services—a condition of things utterly discreditable to the Congregational churches of this state.

SUMMARY. "The territory of this Conference has a population of 24,083. If we omit 25 percent as under age, there remain 18,062 souls who should be in the churches. The six Baptist churches have a membership of 355; the eight Episcopal churches, 371; the eleven Methodist churches, 760; and our 17 Congregational churches, 2156: in all, 3642; leaving 14,420 who are *not* communicants in evangelical churches. These figures are not exact, and yet after all allowances have been made, it remains true that not more than one in four or five of our adult population give hopeful evidence of a saving knowledge of Christ. *What are we doing* for the remainder?"

"Let the facts of the last five years answer. Our churches report 138 fewer numbers than five years ago. This is in great part owing to a revision of catalogues. But in 1868, the additions as compared with removals showed a gain of 3; in 1869, a loss of 39; in 1870, a gain of 4; in 1871, a loss of 6; in 1872, a gain of 12; and in the five years, a loss of 26."

Must we not suppose that there is some connection between this failure of churches in their proper work, and the prevalent instability of the pastorate? Probably the connection is to be found in a *common cause* of the two—the lack of earnestness.

THE BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 21; pastors, 14; pastor elect, 1; stated preachers,

2; stated preacher, furnished half the time "from the *Methodist Conference*,"*; pulpits vacant, 8; church aided, 1.

THE PASTORATE. "During the year one pastor has been dismissed by council, one has died, and three have been installed. The pastor of the church in *Brimfield*, in the autumn became unable to perform his pastoral duties, and by eminent medical authority was ordered to rest for months. The people were unwilling to give him up; and therefore offered him a vacation of four months, with salary continued; and secured another faithful man to labor with them while they waited for their pastor's return. And now the delegation from Brimfield report 'thanksgiving and praise for the prospect of the returning health of our pastor, Rev. M. B. Boardman, in whom we, as a people, are so well united.'"

"One of the smaller churches became disheartened by what seemed to be a comparative failure in the ordinary ministrations of the gospel; and pastor and people united in seeking relief from their embarrassment through the dismissal of the pastor, by council. A council was convened which unanimously advised against making any change in the pastorate. These facts would indicate that the churches of the Brookfield Conference are not, at the present time, moving in the direction of short pastorates."

SPIRITUAL GROWTH. "An encouraging fact is brought out, that even where there is a strong opposition minority in a church, there may yet be spiritual blessings, resulting in the conversion of sinners."

"Although there has been no general revival within the bounds of the Conference during the past year, there is much that calls for devout thanksgiving. One of our largest churches reports, as fruit of a revival the year previous, a larger ingathering than has been reaped in any previous year for a quarter of a century. In another church, there has been a renewed religious interest dating from the week of prayer, resulting in several hopeful conversions and more religious life than has existed there for years. In still another, there has been more than usual religious interest in connection with the adoption of a *plan for division of labor in church work*, that has begun well and promises to be productive of increasing good in the future. In one church, interest was awakened in connection with meetings held by Mr. Burnell, and has resulted in several conversions."

"THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS are active and efficient in spiritual labors. Bible readings have been instituted which have awakened lively interest and elicited much thought and inquiry."

SERVICES. "The afternoon preaching service has been given up in one instance, and the plan is reported as operating favorably, in securing a larger attendance at the morning service and also at the evening conference meeting."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. "How best to reach those in outlying districts who do not attend religious meetings at the established places of

* It is to be feared that no instance can be found in which this liberality has been exemplified by the Home Missionary, Society. The Committee of the Conference remark that 'this church is reported as yet thoroughly in sympathy with the doctrines and practice of the churches of the Brookfield Conference."

orship, is a question that returns to the churches for answer. In one town, three years ago, an agent of the American Sunday School Union established six Sabbath schools in six of the thirteen school-houses of the town, and gathered into them from 150 to 200 persons who were not accustomed to attend religious meetings. *Five* of the six schools have been given up, and some who formerly went to the meetings at the centre of the town, and were drawn to these schools, *now go nowhere.*"

REVIEW. "In several of the churches, there have been additions by profession and by letter; and we believe there has been life and interest in them all. But while we would rejoice in the conversion of a single soul within the bounds of a conference, and while we are receiving many priceless blessings through the cross of Christ, can we believe that our churches are exerting all the power that is inherent in them? Can it be that the power of the Infinite One, pledged to his people, is thus limited in its effectiveness, except by the criminal neglect of the members of the churches? As God has done so much for us, can he not do vastly more for us? And while the great majority of the inhabitants of our towns are not Christians, while large numbers do not attend any religious service, while sabbath desecration, intemperance, and other forms of iniquity abound, while some of our churches report that there has been no general revival and but few conversions for 40 years or more, and while houses for Roman Catholic worship are fast rising up among us and are filled to overflowing, shall we be content with the present exercise of our faith and merit the reproach of Christ, that he cannot do many mighty works because of our unbelief? Rather let us pray the Lord to take away this unbelief and show us his almighty power; that all hindrances to the advance of his kingdom may be removed; that his churches may *wrestle in faith* with spiritual wickedness in high places and be victorious; that Christ may be exalted among us as a Savior; that the multitudes may be partakers in the joy of the Holy Ghost."

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, (including two Presbyterian,) 25; pastors, 18; stated preachers, 3; pulpits vacant, 4; churches aided, 0.

This Conference has published a Report of the Work of the Churches and State of Religion, embracing a complete statement of benevolent contributions. *See Appendix.*

THE CHURCHES. This Report indicates a condition so good as to make us feel that it will soon be better. From *West Amesbury* comes a narrative of "steady growth and healthy activity," which we copy entire.

"Special indications of the Divine presence came with the week of prayer. The *pastoral letter* which was noticed in this report last year had called the attention of each member to the need of a personal interest in the work of Christ. The church became more awake and active. Many came out on the Lord's side. Many of the youth became interested, and a good number have confessed Christ. There were additions to the church at each season of communion. The church is rejoicing in the spirit of

harmony in all labor, and is laying wise plans for still greater service for the Master in the future. *Neighborhood* meetings have been attended, and meetings for the promotion of *fellowship* have been held with happy results. The town has always been known as a home of Temperance. The people pledge themselves to break up the rum traffic, and they fulfil their pledges. Liquor has never been sold openly. It was understood that it could be had privately at two places; but a healthy sentiment backed up by a little law has closed these places, and the proprietors have left town. Alas for some other town which has, ere this, received these missionaries of evil!"

The church in *Amesbury Mills* gives a cheerful report of progress, with a noticeable gain in activity and in spiritual tone. A good beginning has been made *in church work*. The parish has been divided into districts, and committees have been appointed. A Missionary Society has been organized in the Sunday school, and has raised $130. The children have been given a part in the Missionary Concert, adding a new interest to that service.

The church in *Bradford*, likewise, is evidently in a state of vigorous and organized activity. In the words of its report, it "has passed another year of united Christian work. The standing committee appoint members to the care of the poor and the sick, and the duties of visiting the new families and of all Christian hospitality; and in these duties the church has been active and faithful." The branch Sunday school prospers. There have been many cases of personal awakening; and "it is believed that the year has been one of maturing Christian character."

The two churches in the densely peopled portion of *Haverhill*, report general vigor and prosperity in very gratifying measure, with some tokens of religious interest. The churches of *Newburyport* have held on evenly. The *Whitefield church* has made progress in neighborly fellowship; its social meetings have been "very well attended by those we need most to reach; the reduction of the evil of dissociability has been very considerable." The population of this city remains almost stationary. Its Protestant inhabitants are probably fewer "by about one tenth than they were twenty-five years ago." Hence, if for a quarter of a century the churches have stood still, they have relatively gone ahead. It is believed that they make a "slow progress, from year to year."

The small and rural church in *East Haverhill* sends in a pleasant narrative—the Sunday school in fine condition; additions made to the library; prayer meetings well attended, and very interesting, many taking part, and even the youngest having their share. There have been several cases of personal interest. The people are bringing "weekly contributions" to a parsonage fund, which is growing steadily and surely. "It is hard work, but we have done it easily," they say. "Is not this," they add, "the solution of the problem, how to do such work easily? Is it not by continued and methodical giving?" The church in *Byfield* reports much help and encouragement from members of city churches who spent the summer there. Its Sabbath school has more than doubled; indications of the Spirit's presence have appeared; and there is better hope for the future.

A religious interest has also been manifest at *Groveland*, *Rowley*, and *West Newbury, Second church.*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL seems everywhere vigorous. In *West Haverhill*, it embraces a large part of the congregation. Little seems to be done in the cause of *Temperance* in any of the centres of the liquor traffic.

The attention of the churches has been called to the PLAN OF WEEKLY OFFERINGS for both expenses and charities. *West Amesbury*, *Amesbury Mills* and the *Centre church*, *Haverhill*, have adopted this system—the first two for benevolence, the last for parish expenditures also.

On the whole, the churches in the country districts and the smaller villages of this Conference appear to be generally in a healthful and encouraging condition. The same may also be said of those in the populous centres. But in these larger towns, as in similar places in other parts of the State, there is a very distinct call for greater vigor—for more of enterprise, of organized and of individual activity.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 26; pastors, 13; stated preachers, 8; pulpits vacant, 5; churches aided, 9.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS. All the churches of Franklin County, except those of Leverett, New Salem, North Orange and Whately, are connected with this Conference. Pastors have been settled over five churches, Charlemont, Ashfield, Conway, South Deerfield, and Orange; and have been dismissed from two, Montague and Warwick. The churches generally have enjoyed their usual prosperity; but some have not quite held their own, having suffered from emigration. If this depletion continues, it must necessarily result in extinction.

REVIVALS have been enjoyed by the churches in *Charlemont* and *South Deerfield* and the *First church* in *Greenfield.* The church in *Orange* also reports a good degree of religious interest and a large number of additions.

OUTPOSTS. Union Sabbath schools are maintained by the church in *Coleraine* at Christian Hill and Shattuckville; and the same church joins with Baptists and Methodists in keeping up stated preaching at two other points. The people of this town are abundantly supplied with religious privileges; and yet many neglect them. At Riverside in *Gill*, a Sunday school has been sustained, with preaching, once a Sabbath. The people of *Montague City*, who had Congregational preaching for several years, have engaged a *Methodist* preacher to supply them for a year. It is to be regretted that a minister was not obtained for *Turner's Falls* early in the spring, for a good man there could have taken charge both of Montague City and Riverside. This point, at the present moment, is in more pressing need of immediate attention than any other in the county. Population and business are rapidly increasing. Five or six denominations are already actively at work; "and we, who ought to have been the first, are not yet there." The proprietors have been ready to give a lot of ground for a church, but it was not secured until the 30th of April of the present year.

The new church at *Miller's Falls* has been weakened by the withdrawal of Methodist brethren, who have set up a second enterprise while the community needs but one. The old church in *Heath* is in a more hopeful state than last year. It has made a gain of two members, and its house of worship has been repaired. During the summer, prayer meetings were held at two outposts, and a Bible class has been instituted in one of the districts. Its pastor succeeded in maintaining an interesting Sunday school in *Monroe*, conducted chiefly by laymen from adjoining towns, some of whom had to travel a long distance. The church in *Wendell* has likewise made a good fight. Under the most discouraging circumstances, it has, to say the least, held its own; and has but to keep on steadfastly in the way in which it has begun, to secure larger results.

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 35; pastors, 26; stated preachers, 7; pulpits vacant, 2; churches aided, 5.

The following report is given as furnished by Rev. John W. Harding, a member of the Committee of the Conference.

THE CONFERENCE PLANS. "Among the prominent features of the Christian work of the churches of this Conference we notice:"

1. The care and thoroughness with which the *work is reported* from year to year, for the mutual benefit of the churches. At the Annual meeting in October, the first session is occupied with written reports from each church presenting a *carefully prepared history** of its work and progress during the year. This is done cheerfully and voluntarily and not according to any set and statistical form, but as each church chooses to delineate the marked features of its annual history. Thus the reports are less perfunctory, and are more interesting from year to year by their variety and individuality. After being read they are handed in to the Scribe, who edits them for publication in the Annual Report of the Conference which is distributed among the churches. In this way their benefit is given to the mass of church members who cannot attend the Conference, the history of

* SYSTEM OF REPORTS. This is the system which the *State Committee* has been so assiduously recommending to all the churches — "written reports," giving "a carefully prepared history," and then embodied with due deliberation into one comprehensive statement — to be the subject of earnest study and discussion.

The Hampden Conference has been at the pains of copying, this last year, the LIST OF TOPICS contained in the Committee's blanks, as a help to the pastors in preparing their yearly statements.

The Financial reports of this conference are very complete. The mode of collecting and embodying the facts involves somewhat more of labor and of machinery than that proposed by the *State Committee* and now coming into general use, and the order of arrangement may be somewhat less suggestive; but the churches have become accustomed to this set form, and it is probably not worth while to make any change at present.

The universal adoption of the method suggested by the *Committee on the Work of the Churches* would do away wholly with the dry and "perfunctory" character which till recently was the yearly affliction of most of the Conference reports on the state of religion. Any improvement in completeness adds to the variety and individuality as much as to the value and interest. D. P. N.

the churches is preserved for reference, and an intelligent basis laid for their better acquaintance and fellowship, and their mutual consultation with regard to the common interests and work of Christ's kingdom within their sphere.

2. Thoroughness of system in *Benevolent Contributions*. The second session of the Conference is occupied by its Benevolent Association, which for many years antedated it and is now united with it. Regular times are recommended for the annual collections in each church in behalf of stated charities, and these collections are transmitted by the several church treasurers to the treasurer of the Benevolent Association, and by him transmitted with a promptness and accuracy befitting such business to the treasuries of the parent societies, and at the annual meeting his report is presented to the Conference in a printed form, containing all the contributions from each church with the several dates of reception, for distribution among the members of the Conference, to receive any corrections that may be indicated, and having been audited, this report is published with the other reports from the churches. Appended to it is a tabular summary of the totals from the several churches for each cause, and the total footings. In addition to the regular report of the treasurer, which is a model of business accuracy worthy of the imitation of all who conduct the Lord's financial work, there is published a supplementary report, prepared by the scribe of the Conference, gathering up all additional contributions and legacies contributed during the year by members of the churches, which have not been transmitted to the benevolent societies through the hands of the treasurer. By such painstaking the thoroughness of systematic benevolence is being gradually established and increased, and the comparative history of benevolent operations in the churches of the Conference is accurately ascertained and preserved.

3. Careful preparations are made by *printed programmes and notices sent beforehand* to the churches, in order to secure a good representation at the Annual and the Semiannual Conferences, held respectively in October and in April, and also, to have the time employed for the best practical results. The concluding session of the Annual meeting, occupying the forenoon of the second day antecedent to the sermon and communion, is mainly devoted to Home Evangelization, or the special HOME WORK of the churches. A special fund is raised by annual contributions from the churches to aid the feebler churches of the Conference. The semiannual meeting is more informal and devotional, the programme and particular arrangements for it being made by the church inviting it, and occupying but one day.

4. *Christian Fellowship*. Our theory is excellent, the necessity is acknowledge to be vital, the machinery is well devised, some progress has been made, but in the actual practice and results we still lag far behind our privilege and our duty. In this weakest point and great defect of our own congregational polity, as the whole body suffers, we also suffer with it.

At the Conferences, Christian fellowship is specially provided for and delightfully promoted by having the meals in common and by other social arrangements for personal acquaintance. A *Committee on Church Fellowship*

is appointed, who provide for mutual church visitations and minor local Conferences and Sabbath school visitations; but while such visits have been from time to time interchanged and more or less good has resulted, the cares of the world and spiritual inertia, combined with the independence of the churches, have clogged the wheels of fellowship and neutralized many good intentions. There is a great lack yet in the strong as supporting the weak; and in the bearing of one another's burdens. Pulpit exchanges do not play into this fellowship of the churches as they might. The following, quoted from one of the church reports of this year, states the case: "Our clerical brethren will pardon us, if we suggest that this church — as we suspect is the case with other small churches — would be encouraged in its work, should the pastors of our larger churches manifest in certain positive ways, by occasional exchanges or otherwise (though their pulpits might not be so well filled for a Sabbath in return,) their regard and Christian fellowship."

5. *Permanence in the Ministry* is enjoyed in an increasing ratio among the churches of this Conference. Almost all are supplied with settled pastors and there have been of late few changes. This contributes to greater stability, efficiency, unity and progressiveness in our work.

6. *Church Building* and *Parsonages*. During the past year the *Park Street church, West Springfield*, the youngest in the Conference, have worshipped in their beautiful edifice completed in May 1872 at a cost of about $40,000. The church and society in *Monson* have just finished their spacious and elegant house of worship, at about the same cost. The *South church* and society in *Springfield* have begun the foundations of their new edifice, and the *First church in Springfield* are proceeding to build a large and costly chapel. *Faith chapel*, a mission enterprise on Long Hill in Springfield, has sprung up, a model of beauty, convenience and economy, to be in all probability the nucleus of a church organization at no distant time.

Many of the churches are provided with substantial and commodious parsonages and the tendency is to make better provision in this respect.

7. *Revivals* have not been generally enjoyed, with the exception of refreshing and converting influences of the Spirit that have blessed with peculiar favor the churches at *Ludlow* and *Chester Depot*. But in the absence of revivals there has been more confidence than formerly in the *abiding presence* of the Spirit in connection with the usual means of grace and perseverance in Christian work.

8. *Christian Enterprise*. There is manifest an increasing spirit of Christian inquiry and enterprise as to new and more efficient methods of work. *Praise meetings* are multiplying, are better planned and are growing in the spirit of worship. *Neighborhood and household prayer meetings*, and to some extent *out-door meetings*, are going abroad more naturally and freely to seek and to save souls. The better development of the Christian life in the young professors, and their more thorough instruction in doctrine and duty, and the fuller identification of Sabbath schools with the life and methods of the church, are among our pressing problems. The *Sabbath schools* are leaving sensational devices, and settling down to their legiti-

mate work, the thorough and systematic study of the Bible, which is greatly promoted by the general consent in adopting the Union Series of Scripture lessons.

9. *Woman's Work* awakens new interest and is claiming from year to year larger development. The report from the *First church* in *Springfield* states: "The parish is divided into thirty districts. We have a committee of *thirty women* chosen from among those who are willing to 'labor in the gospel'—to take charge of these districts. They aim to visit the families connected with the parish, and those not connected with any parish, every three months. Their *duties* are, to visit all who worship with us, and report names and residences to the pastor; to pay special attention to the strangers, the sick, and the aged, and to inform the pastor of cases requiring special attention; to inquire whether all the children are in the Sabbath School; to invite the women to join the Woman's Board of Missions and the Ladies' Benevolent Society; to distribute copies of '*Life and Light*' to subscribers; and to converse so far as possible on personal religion. This work has been of the greatest service in promoting church unity, and of incalculable assistance to the pastor."

10. *Temperance* as a Christian virtue and the Temperance reform as a part of our Christian work, are thoughtfully considered by our churches and faithfully enforced by our pulpits, and while they are not alert and enthusiastic in harnessing themselves into the yokes of special orders of Knights, Rechabites, Societies and Alliances, called by one name and a nother, they stand as firmly as ever by the radical and Christian principles, of keeping the body under in all subjection and pure from every hurtful and defiling lust as the temple of the Holy Ghost, and of using our Christian liberty under the golden rule of that Apostolic magnanimity which will deny one's self even in lawful things for a brother's sake.

In concluding this report of the Hampden Conference we mention as a happy omen, the perfect harmony of action, so long uninterrupted, among the ministers and laymen of this body. The pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity has been signally verified. And at the same time there prevails in this region a singular catholicity of feeling among the ministers and churches of the several evangelical denominations, which is an encouraging presage of future Christian unity and the successful prosecution of our common work.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 19; pastors, 15; stated preachers, 2; pulpit vacant, 1; with no religious service, 1; churches aided, 2. Number of church members, 3280, a gain of 163.

CHURCH GAINS. The following churches have gained in membership:—*Amherst*, Second, 10; do., College, 2; do., North, 52; do., South, 4; *Granby*, 1; *Hadley*, First, 35; do., Second, 56; do., Russell, 38; *Leverett*, 1; *Packardville*, 4; *South Hadley Falls*, 2.

The statistics from this Conference are nearly complete—sixteen out of nineteen churches reporting.

SERVICES. A good attendance is reported from all the churches; an increased attendance from most; and a diminished number from only one. Neighborhood meetings are held in quite a number of places. The regular routine of the prayer meetings has been varied by "Bible readings."

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH. Pastors report but imperfectly on this topic. In one church, infant baptism is tending towards disuse; while in another, most of the childred are baptized; and from this church we have the report, that the training in the Christian homes has been generally successful; the young people are not much tainted by evil examples in larger places, but have, in a good degree, followed in the way of their fathers. One pastor reports a monthly sermon to children.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS are generally in a good condition; and three or four have been greatly blessed. Not only are the young people of the congregations generally connected with these schools, but a goodly number also of the adults. Several young children have given encouraging evidence of a change of heart. The "concert" is universally observed, with interest.

REVIVALS. Four churches have been wonderfully quickened, refreshed and strengthened — those in *North Amherst* and *North Hadley*, and the *First* and the *Russell* church in *Hadley*. In the *First church* in *Hadley*, the interest began during a church fast, the meeting being largely attended and marked by very strong, solemn and tender feeling. For more than a month, prayer meetings were held twice a day, with occasional preaching. Among the fruits were seven husbands with their wives. Measures substantially the same appear to have been pursued in the *Russell church*, which embraces now about *four fifths* of its entire congregation. In *Greenwich* there was much thoughtfulness, and some hopeful conversions, in certain cases displaying peculiarly the wonders of Divine grace.

OUT-DISTRICTS are few within the bounds of this Conference, and none are large. District prayer meetings are held, wherever they seem to be needed. The *Out-Classes* are not discussed in the reports received from the churches.

TEMPERANCE. From one place we hear that intemperance is common and the liquor shops numerous. A flourishing Temperance organization has been started here, on a Christian Union basis; and many names of children and of good Temperance people have been secured to the pledge. Attempts to enforce the law met with partial success. In many towns there seems to be little use of intoxicating drinks.

POPULATION. The native farmers are moving away from the outlying farming lands; and foreigners are entering not only into this, but also into various other pursuits. Some of the towns have gained in population; others have diminished.

THE GENERAL STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS seems to have been improving during the year. From towns that have experienced no revival, we yet receive an encouraging report. The moral tone is sound and firm; and spiritual religion has gained in power. *The "envelope system"* has been adopted by one church in making its collections, and with excellent results. The number of givers was increased from 113 to 135, and the

contributions from $1,389.71 to $1,573; and besides, a sum of $764 was raised for repairs, and an addition made to the pastor's salary, of $225; an advance of $1,172.29 or of over 84 percent.

Upon the whole, the condition of the Conference may be described as healthful; but there is room for a large increase of enthusiasm, inventiveness and efficiency.

MENDON CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 12; pastors, 6; stated preachers, 5; pulpit vacant, 1; churches aided, 2.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES. In *Medway Village*, Rev. David Sanford, ceased from active service; Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, ordained as colleague. *West Medway*, Rev. Stephen Knowlton, dismissed to New Haven, Vt.; Rev. S. Willard Segur, installed May 7, 1873. *Walpole*, Rev. Heman R. Timlow, dismissed, to take charge of "*The Intelligencer*," New York. *Milford*, Rev. S. C. Kendall, dismissed; and Rev. Merritt Richardson, engaged as stated preacher. He has since the year expired been installed pastor.

CHURCH BUILDINGS. The church in *Wrentham* has been thoroughly remodeled and beautified, at a large expense. The church in *Mansfield* was rededicated after a like renovation, March 28th, 1872. In *Foxborough* the sanctuary has been made comfortable, during the winter, by the introduction of new furnaces at a cost of 600 or $700. The parish at *East Medway* has built an excellent parsonage, at an outlay of $5,300. In *West Medway*, they have made clean and white the outside of their house of worship. A new and commodious edifice, including church and chapel, was dedicated in *Franklin*, January 4, 1872. Cost, $36,000. The parsonage recently erected by the same parish, together with the land, horse sheds, &c., has required an additional outlay, making in all about $50,000. Of this only about $6,000 remain unpaid.

SABBATH SERVICES. The *Village church* in *Medway*, during the summer months, held the second service at a later hour than usual, —5 and 5 30 P. M., — with good results. The same change was made at *East Medway*, with like advantage. In *Franklin* the second service is at 7 30. The church in *Milford* reports that during the year the second service has been held in the evening, the pastor delivering lectures adapted to the special needs of the masses. The movement has been attended with encouraging results. As the seats are free at this service, congregations numbering from 600 to 900 have been gathered.

ACQUAINTANCE AND FELLOWSHIP. Several churches report efforts to promote neighborly and Christian intercourse. In *Foxborough*, *Medway Village*, and *Franklin*, "fellowship meetings" have been held; and in the last named place, brief delays for conversation at the close of the prayer meetings have proved agreeable and useful.

CHURCH WORK. The Pastor of the *Mansfield church* has commenced the practice of making a monthly report of the doings and condition of the

church, and has invited the members to report at such times, in regard to their efforts for the promotion of Christ's cause. The result, thus far, has been an awakening of some of the dormant energies of the church, and an increased social interest, if not a spiritual progress. At *Foxborough* circulars were sent out inviting volunteers in the different departments of Christian service. Over 100 were returned; and the result has been, to increase the attendance on devotional services, and also on the Sabbath school. Once a month, the weekly prayer meeting is devoted to the subject of church work, when reports from the different departments are given. A similar circular has been used in *Franklin* and with like results. In most of our churches the sacramental host seems to lack organization.

REVIVALS. With a single exception, the churches of this Conference have remained another year unblessed with revivals.

OUT-DISTRICTS. The *Foxborough* report mentions a branch Sunday school at South Foxborough, sustained by members from different adjacent churches. A prayer meeting is held in this neighborhood every week, except when a preaching service by neighboring ministers takes its place. This community has raised about $1,000 for the erection of a chapel which is now building. Preaching services have been held monthly at *Rockville* in the *East Medway* parish, and have been well attended. A union prayer meeting has been established recently in *Franklin* in the "West District," sustained by members of the Franklin Village church, Medway, and of the Methodist church. Also a weekly prayer meeting is held in *Unionville*, a small manufacturing village a mile and a half from Franklin Centre, in an Engine Hall. From 30 to 60 attend. Several conversions have occured here. One of the manufacturers, a member of the church of the Centre, has provided at his own expense an omnibus to take employes to church on Sundays. From 15 to 20 are thus provided for.

TEMPERANCE. There has been quite a temperance revival at *Milford*. The pastor of the church has been very efficient. A society of *Temperance Reformers* has been organized; and between 400 and 500 have signed the pledge. Quite a number of these are reformed inebriates. Meetings are held once a week, and 500 or 600 are sometimes present. "Free beer" has been supposed to have increased intemperance very much. There has been a great improvement within the last six months, and the leading men seem to be taking a new stand in behalf of the right. *Mansfield* reports: The Temperance cause has many able advocates here, and weekly meetings in its behalf are held by two societies. Sermons are preached on the subject by the pastors of the different churches, and considerable money is contributed to this object. From *Medway Village*, we hear: "Liquor is sold slyly, and does its legitimate work. Something has been done among our foreign population in behalf of Temperance, and the evil greatly checked. We are sorry to report, that among our native population there are many who seem to be confirmed drunkards.

Upon the Whole, the aspect of the Conference is encouraging. A general hopefulness is apparent in the reports from the churches; an unusual measure of enterprise has been shown in improvements; and there is a

growing interest in the development of organized Christian activity. We may look for better things, soon to come.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH.

Number of churches, 19: pastors, 10; stated preachers, 5; pulpits vacant, 4; churches aided, 3.

The Committee of this Conference, Rev. Daniel Wight, chairman, have been enabled, by the cordial cooperation of the pastors and their very general response to the blanks, to render a report more complete, and, we are glad to add, more encouraging, than any previously received. A full summary is here given.

Expenses and Charities. Ten pastors report 1270 families, an average of 127. Thirteen report salaries varying from $500 to $2,500, and amounting to $19,300, an average of $1,484. Twelve report additional parish expenses, varying from $75 to $6,038, and amounting to $21,664.04, with an average of $1,805. Eleven report contributions for Home Missions, varying from $19.25 to $888.75, amounting to $3,972.69, with an average of $361.15. Seven churches report contributions to Church Building, varying from $6.30 to $206.44, in all, $643.44, and averaging $91.63. Twelve churches report contributions to Foreign Missions, varying from $9 to $679.34, amounting to $2,562.86, and averaging $213.57. Five churches gave to the Seaman's Friend Society, $168.46. Six gave to the cause of Christian Education, $557.54. Ten, to Christian Publications, $949.32. Eleven, to other, miscellaneous objects, $2,060.26, — one reports aggregate contributions $800, — making in all a *grand total* of $52,678.61; — of which amount, $40,964.04 are included in salaries and parish expenses; and $11,714.57 in charities. But this report includes only 15 of the 18 churches of the Conference; and several of them are deficient, omitting parish expenses, or the salary of the pastor.

The Gains of the churches have been small. Thirteen churches report a gain of 21, in additions by confession of faith, over losses by death and excommunication; and a gain of 12 in additions by letter over removals by letter — the new church at South Framingham receiving 40 persons from two neighboring churches.

Sabbath Services. A disposition is evident, in a number of the churches, to *experiment* upon the form of the afternoon service; one church omitting it altogether in the warm weather; another, in the same season, joining with two churches of different denominations in union meetings, which were a part of the time given up to a "worship service," with responsive readings, the congregation joining in the Lord's prayer, the sermon being only twenty minutes long, and the whole service only an hour. Others have given up this part of the day to the Sunday school. In all cases, however, these measures have been *experimental*, without, as yet, any satisfactory result. The facts may be taken as indicating that the times may be demanding some kind of a modification in the afternoon service of the summer season.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. These are generally in a flourishing condition. One at least is larger than ever before, others are very full. Some complaint is made that young men and people in middle life do not attend. The church at *Lincoln* has adopted the experiment of holding, once in two weeks, an examination of the school, in its studies in the Bible. The church at *Wellesley* has established a Sunday School prayer meeting — held on the evening of the 3d Sabbath of each month — which is found to be especially adapted to quicken the interest of teachers and scholars in their work, and includes more of devotion and of exhortation than the ordinary Sunday school concert. In *Natick*, "several mixed classes" have been formed with advantage. And occasionally, after the session, a fifteen minutes prayer meeting has been held. From one town comes an echo of the lamentation for children — because they are not.

ACQUAINTANCE AND FELLOWSHIP. But little earnestness and little inventiveness in the promotion of Christian fellowship and intercourse would seem, from the reports, to characterize the churches, at the present time. The church at *Saxonville*, however, holds a "sociable" once in two months, for the benefit of the congregation; and on every Monday evening there is a "social, familiar, conversational" meeting, for church members, converts, inquirers, and any who may be disposed to come — a "church circle," as it has elsewhere been sometimes called. This meeting is one "of great power, growth, and blessing." In *Wellesley*, also, assemblies have been held once in five or six weeks, designed to promote "more intimate Christian acquaintance among all classes in the congregation. The promise is good." In *South Natick*, the *Fellowship Meeting* and *Home Prayer Meeting* appear to be kept up.

RELIGIOUS STATE. Several churches make mention of a gratifying spiritual condition. From *Saxonville*, the pastor writes: "We were blessed spiritually and really by the labors of Rev. O. Parker, continued for about three weeks." In *Natick*, there was a general interest, and some 25 hopeful conversions. In *Marlborough*, there was a marked religious interest early in 1872, resulting in many conversions, especially among the young.

CHURCH WORK. "It is encouraging to notice the progress of Christian work in out-districts and among neglecters, and the corresponding fruits of such effort; but at the same time it must be acknowledged that *not one half* is done which ought to be done — whether we look to the salvation of the negligent and the perishing, or the indirect benefit of the workers themselves and the consequent strength of the church. It may be a question, whether more systematic and effective measures should not be attempted in every church."

In *Holliston*, the Young Men's Association, consisting largely of the members of the Congregational church, has maintained a prayer meeting and preaching service in an out-district, and two weekly prayer meetings at their rooms. This church, apparently, like many others, stands back, to make room for the young men. The church in *Lincoln* maintains a branch Sunday school. From *Sudbury*, we hear that the out-districts "contain many neglecters who are much neglected — some occasional personal effort

only, being put forth in their behalf." "About one fourth of the church are helpers" in Christian work. In *Natick*, an effort has been made to reach neglecters, with good result. The *parish has been divided into districts*—two members of the church, a man and a woman, being put in charge of each; looking after the condition of the people, and reporting, when necessary, on cards which specify points of inquiry, to the "*Superintendent of Church Work*" or the pastor. The Young Men's Association has done much, having furnished two parlors, maintained a half hour daily prayer meeting, established a society which aims at intellectual and moral improvement, and placed newspapers and tracts in the railroad station, which are much read. "A *Watchers' Club* has been formed. The moral and religious statistics of the town has been taken, with some accuracy, and there is a desire and a real effort to *reach all*. Meetings have been held in two out-districts on the evenings of Sunday and Monday, and have resulted in some hopeful conversions." From *Ashland*, we learn that the number of neglecters has decreased a little since last year. One of the out-districts which is most isolated was visited in the fall by Mr. Record,* a missionary of the American Sunday School Union; and a good Sabbath school has been kept up there through the winter, to which the church sent a superintendent and teachers. The pastor of the church in *Southborough* has maintained a Sabbath afternoon service at Cordaville, with growing interest. A Sunday school has also been sustained there, with a good degree of interest.

TEMPERANCE AND MORALS. A Temperance society has been formed in *Dover*, meetings have been held at different places, both on Sunday evenings and during the week, and a goodly number have signed the pledge. At *Holliston*, a course of popular scientific lectures on Temperance has been well attended, and much good has been done in the way of instructing the young. At *Saxonville*, a "Reform Club" has been organized. At *Wellesley*, the fifth Sunday evening in the month—occurring four times a year—is set apart to the Temperance cause. This has been found to do good,—keeping this important matter closely linked with religion and the church. In *Natick*, "during the latter part of 1872, a wonderful movement was set on foot, by means of a 'Reform Club.'" This Club has kept up weekly meetings with much interest. At almost every one, new members join from the ranks of intemperance; some of whom have since become hopefully Christians. On the 17th of April last, 460 persons had signed the pledge, of whom 200 had been hard drinkers. The majority of the latter have remained faithful to the purpose to reform. In *Sherborn*, the church is seeking, by the manifestation of a Christian spirit and of neighborly attentions, to interest any who may had been led astray or alienated.

Upon the whole, the prospect in regard to Temperance and good morals is encouraging. There appears to be less of crime and poverty than once; yet much remains to be done.

* It may be a question whether our own Sunday school agency (The *Congregational Publishing Society*) ought not to pay Mr. R.'s expenses. Does Massachusetts need to send abroad for help in founding or sustaining Sunday schools? Sec. Com. Chh. Work.

GENERAL STATE OF RELIGION. In regard to this, little needs to be added. The greatest *hindrances*, as reported by one pastor, are found (1) in "the want of active, praying, sympathetic labor on the part of church members, both women and men"; and (2) in the extreme worldliness of the common mind, the leavening of so many souls with those notions of sin, of God, of Christ and of man, (and the resulting indifferences and hardness of heart,) which are at once the fruit and the strength of those various *isms* that oppose the gospel. Ordinarily, however, the outlook is cheerful: religion is gaining, on the whole.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 17; pastors, 12; stated preachers, 3; pulpits vacant, 2; churches aided, 2.

Reports have been received from sixteen churches. Thanks are due to the pastors to their ready and fraternal response to the circulars. We make the following extracts from the report of the Committee, REV. HORACE PARKER, Chairman.

"The year 1872 was not marked by any unusual progress, but by steady work, yielding good results both of a material and spiritual kind."

IMPROVEMENTS. *Ayer* has secured a bell; and has become self supporting. *Dunstable* has attached a barn to its parsonage. The *Rollstone church, Fitchburg*, has reduced its debt by $15,000. *Leominster* has finished a new house of worship, for which upwards of $25,000 have been paid. *Shirley* has repaired its meeting-house, at a cost of over $2,000. *Lunenburg* has repaired and refurnished its house, at an expense of over $2,000, and secured a parsonage costing about $2,500; *Westford* has completed a parsonage; and *Pepperell* has purchased one.

Acton has settled a pastor.

RELIGIOUS CONDITION. "In spiritual things there has been a steady growth, showing a net gain of 94 in resident communicants, while at times, there has been more than usual interest in several of the churches, and special evangelistic efforts in connection with four or five; only one, at *Littleton*, has gathered much visible fruit."

CHURCH ACTIVITY. "Meetings in *out-districts*, *Praise* meetings, *Fellowship* meetings, *Conventions*, *Open-air* meetings, have been held with varying success, within the limits of the Conference. In this respect there has been *a great advance within ten years*. Very much greater efforts are now made, both to improve the membership of the churches and to reach those who keep themselves outside of all regular Sabbath services. Our people are beginning to feel that they must be outdone by *none*, in labors to reach the neglecting, and heretofore neglected, classes."

CONTRIBUTIONS. "Last year showed an advance of $3,000 in our benevolent contributions over the year previous. This year shows an increase of $2,300 upon last year."

TEMPERANCE. "There has been quite an improvement in Temperance. Not only has the law been well enforced, through the vigilance of the State Constables, but lectures, conventions and other local efforts have toned up

public sentiment. It has also become very unpopular for a *minister* to use tobacco. And evidently, not many years will pass before we shall be able to say in reference to this habit, 'Like priest, like people.'"

FEEBLE CHURCHES AND THE PASTORATE. "The difficulty of retaining pastors, especially in the smaller churches, suggests the need of some change. Cannot two churches, in some cases, unite upon one minister? Or cannot a pastor already settled contrive to occupy some vacant church near by, for one part of the Sabbath? Or, at any rate, can not such an appropriation be secured from the Missionary Society or the Local Conference, as shall enable the pastor to *live*, even if his family does increase?"

NORFOLK CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 31; pastors, 14; stated preachers, 8; pulpits vacant, 6; churches aided, 2. One church without services.

THE CHURCHES. No revival is reported from this Conference for the year 1872; and its narrative as a whole has less of an encouraging nature than has been usual. Since the beginning of the present year, however, the *First church in Abington* has enjoyed a season of heavenly blessing. The pastor's wife had been holding a young people's prayer meeting for most of the previous year, which seems to have had an excellent influence. Early in March, 1873, the pastor secured the assistance of Mr. Burnell, and two or three associates. The meetings held under his guidance were very interesting. Many members of the church were led to a renewed consecration; twenty or thirty persons soon expressed a determination to enter upon a Christian life; and from that hour the good work went on; and now, a large number of persons, of all ages, have given hopeful evidence of renewal.

The church in *South Braintree* reports an increased attendance, a prosperous Sunday school, some activity in the cause of Temperance, and a general improvement. The church in *Cohasset* has sustained a meeting in an *out-district;* and has held monthly *Praise meetings*—"taking a topic, and singing it out." At the *Beechwoods*, there has been an unhappy division, now apparently healing; but from June till January, there was scarcely any preaching. *Sharon.* The Superintendent of the Sunday school, with the assistance of other brethren, has sustained a branch school in North Sharon, with a preaching service and prayer meeting alternately. A "Temperance Union" has held monthly meetings that have been well sustained. They have generally been preceded by a service of praise. The town is becoming a place of summer resort, and its once quiet Sabbaths are beginning to be disturbed by pleasure seekers. *Stoughton.* The *Bible service* has been continued in the afternoon with growing interest and satisfaction—the attendance having steadily increased. A *Pastoral Letter* with an "enlistment card" met with a prompt and cordial response from some, while others wholly ignored it. The *Temperance* cause has not been forgotten. The town by a majority of nine votes had licensed the sale of beer. As a consequence, many young persons have acquired the habit of

drinking,—in some cases, to intoxication. A weekly Temperance meeting, accordingly, was established, for lectures and discussions, and has done much to correct public sentiment. *North Weymouth, Pilgrim church.* Twelve persons have been admitted on confession of faith; and there has been a sustained and growing religious interest throughout the year, with some conversions. Efforts to increase the interest of the prayer meeting have been successful.

A *new church* was organized at *Lovell's Corner*, October 29, 1872, with 20 members. It's meetings are well attended, and its prospects are encouraging. The church at *North Abington* has made exclusive repairs on its house of worship, at a cost of $7,625. The *Second church, Cohasset*, is building a parsonage, at a cost of over $5,000. A *circle of ladies* connected with the *Beechwoods* church, have been improving its parsonage—of which they are the owners. The *Porter church, North Bridgewater*, have also renovated the parsonage, at a cost of $6,500. At *Stoughton*, the ladies have spent $1,125 in refurnishing and repainting the interior of the church; and the *Second church, South Weymouth*, has erected a chapel—the first that it has had in the one hundred and fifty years of its existence.

Two of the pastors of this Conference make the following statements. One of them says: "Church members are in the ruts; have never been accustomed to do anything, but only to listen to preaching." The other testifies: "Nothing is done for out-districts, though there is a wide field which ought to be cultivated. A lack of faith in the power of the gospel keeps us from engaging in any aggressive work; and this want of faith, in the church, keeps the morals of the community at a low ebb." The writer adds—what we trust is true of very few places in the county: "The Temperance cause is dead. Drunkenness reigns; and night is made hideous with brawls."

PILGRIM CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 15; pastors, 5; stated preachers, 8; pulpits vacant, 2; churches aided, 3.

No very marked change has taken place in this Conference during the year.

CHURCH BUILDING. In *North Carver* a commodious vestry is nearly completed; and in *Duxbury*, an improvement has been made in the house of worship, at considerable cost.

REVIVALS. At *Halifax*, there have been signs of the Divine presence, and some hopeful conversions. The pastor of the *Fourth church, Plymouth*, (Chiltonville,) reports: "We are in the midst of a quiet, steady and precious work of the Holy Spirit. It came without observation, doubtless the fruit of a long period of believing prayer. One faithful Sunday school teacher has seen the greater part of her class brought into the fold of Christ. Within about three weeks there were eleven hopeful conversions. The souls of many believers have been quickened; and the spirit of earnest consecration seems to be spreading through the church. No "special

meetings" have been held; and the only modification of ordinary ways is the slight one mentioned below"—the conversation after the meeting.

CHURCH USAGES. "Within a short time, the custom has grown up in this church, (*Fourth*, Chiltonville,) of stopping after the prayer meeting for social Christian intercourse. The time is occupied in talk, with occasional spontaneous singing, and especially in religious conversation with any of the unconverted who choose to remain — and very few go away. Nearly every case of conversion has had some connection with this occasion."

"Four evenings of the week are taken up with meetings conducted by the pastor. In these, singing is a prominent exercise; but the hymns are very rarely read, nor is any book used. New hymns are sung over, from time to time, until learned; and it is not uncommon — nor unimpressive — for some brother or sister to sing through a hymn alone. Ordinarily, however, only one or two verses are sung.

"There is the utmost liberty in these meetings, for men, women, and children — for believers and for those who are looking towards Christ. No one is ever called upon."

CHURCH WORK. In addition to the encouraging and suggestive statements from Chiltonville, we have cheering reports from other places. The *church of the Pilgrimage*, *Plymouth*, entered, early in 1872, upon a regular system of work. The pastor now reports this "a success"; and that it is to be continued. Briefly, the plan is this: Five "departments" are established — "General visitation," "The sick, aged and afflicted," "The poor,' "The Sabbath School," "The neglecters of Divine worship." For the prosecution of the work, the town of Plymouth is divided into nine "districts." A very large proportion of the members of the church are enrolled in one or another of these departments. The old church in *Marshfield* has likewise been exhibiting much energy and wisdom in its work. Neighborhood meetings are held weekly. New life has been infused into the services generally. The people have shown their interest and good feeling, by liberal gifts to their pastor and his wife, upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The church in *D xbury*, also, under the lead of a pastor who, unhappily, has been compelled to break away from this people, has been renewing its strength — improving its house, pushing vigorously the cause of Temperance, appointing committees for various forms of work, and sustaining a neighborhood meeting which has been blessed of the Lord.

The other churches of the Conference appear to remain about the same as last year.

The Committee, in their review of the year, recognize "signs of advance,"—"on the whole, a gradual reclaiming of the old wastes." They specify the following

OBSTACLES. First: "A lack of business prosperity and of growth. From 1865 to 1870, the population of the county increased 2261. But the three towns not included in the Conference, though within the county—

Abington,* Middleborough, and North Bridgewater—gained 2566, or 805 *more* than the county. In these three towns, there is one Congregational church member to about ten inhabitants; while in the towns embraced within the Pilgrim Conference, there is but one to twenty-one inhabitants." The fact suggests a certain spiritual value in temporal prosperity.

Secondly: It is noticeable that, usually, evangelical Congregational churches do not flourish as well in the towns whree the *original church has departed from the Puritan faith*, as in others. In those towns of Plymouth County containing Unitarian churches, the Congregational church members average only one to thirty-one of the entire population; while in other towns containing Congregational churches, the average is one to fifteen. Three towns—South Scituate, Pembroke, and West Bridgewater—where the First church became Unitarian—contain no evangelical church of the Congregational order, though some of the families attend in neighboring towns. These old churches generally retain the ancient funds; and all families who may not have connected themselves elsewhere, are nominally included in their parishes.

The committee also specify two respects in which the *churches are wanting:* First, in earnest, concentrated action for the promotion of the great cause. Too many members feel no responsibility for prayer and work. Second, the consequent lack of systematic labor in out-districts. Most of the ministers, as well as of the members of the churches, appear to feel that they have no time for such efforts. They are looking with hope to the promised help of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in its "new departure."

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 21; pastors, 18; stated preacher, 1; pulpits vacant, 2; church aided, 1.

The Committee in opening their report observe: "It is a notable event of the past year that the *Old South church* has ceased to be a Congregational meeting-house—a matter of national importance." "We may well be thoughtful in reflecting that we shall probably hold no future session in this venerable building."

On the 10th of October, "the *Chapel church* of *Cambridgeport*" was organized. This enterprise has thriven, from the start. Its Sunday school which opened, a year ago, with 90 scholars, now numbers 250; its Sabbath evening prayer meetings began with 5 souls, and now gather between 150 and 200; and in connection with these meetings, there have been several conversions.

Debts Paid. The *Winthrop church, Charlestown*, has paid a debt of $5,000; and the *Franklin Street church*, of *East Somerville* has "lifted a load of $20,000, with $1,500 to spare."

* Most of the strong churches of Plymouth county are not connected with its Conference. It would seem that the churches of Abington, at the least, lying as they do, upon the Plymouth railroad, might lend what help they can, by identifying themselves with the body of sister churches in their own county.

CONTRIBUTIONS. Reports from half of the churches appear to indicate a moderate gain in charities.

REVIVALS. The increase in churches which have gained is mainly due to additions on confession of faith — two of these churches having received 90 persons in this way.

CHURCH WORK. The parishes vary much in size — the smallest numbering only 49, and the largest reported, 400 families. "It is entirely safe to estimate that any parish embracing 200 families must contain — with the additional members, young and old, not included in these households — fully 1000 souls, who are to be cared for by *the church.*" "No pastor, unaided, can discharge such a responsibility." "And when we have added to this one thousand, the great body of neglecters for whom the church is responsible, it becomes doubly clear that *many* laborers are needed to do the work for which the church must give account. The laborers to whom we look are the members of our churches." "No sooner is an earnest beginning made, than need is felt of organization. *All* our churches are organized; having their boards of deacons, standing committees, Sunday schools, sewing circles, maternal associations, etc. But there are two branches of church work, equally important. The one — in which are included the provisions just enumerated — has respect to church goers, as assembled within the sanctuary. But we have also to distribute the gospel abroad, among the houses and the shops of the people — both attendants and neglecters. This is acknowledged a very important part of parish work. In common with the other department, this requires organization."

"We all attempt this work. Much is done. But it is singular, we do not make a point of organization here. Men are found who even object to it, for this department of church work. They value it elsewhere. Here they do not see the need of it. But let such brethren consider that their churches are already in a highly organized condition, and that what is now urged is only the completion of that which already is in great part done — an extension of what we find absolutely essential for the efficiency of the gospel in the Sanctuary, to its ministry outside of the sanctuary."

"To your Committee, the proposition seems self-evident, that *thorough work means organized work.*"

The churches have not generally made very full reports in regard to this important matter. The *Winthrop church, Charlestown*, has a Committee of ten ladies, who visit under the pastor's direction, and report to him. The *Winnisimmet church, Chelsea*, has divided its parish into eight districts, each under the care of a leader. In these districts neighborhood meetings are to be held, simultaneously, once a month. The monthly concerts are carried on by a Committee. The *Pilgrim church, Cambridgeport*, which has been worked upon a detailed plan for several years, has effected, during the past year, a more complete organization than ever before. Briefly, the plan is this: There is a "Committee of Work," numbering thirty persons — half men, half women. This Committee has a Chairman and Secretary; and is subdivided into committees on "Hospitality," "the Sick," "Tem-

perance," "Monthly Concerts," "Relief," and "Prayer Meetings." Further particulars may be found in the appendix.

"We are realizing results from this plan," observes the pastor, "of a most satisfactory nature." To the question, whether this system is not very burdensome to the minister, he answers unhesitatingly, No! It is wholesome, of course, and needful, for the pastor to have oversight of the work; but the plan in all its parts — including its best feature, the "General Committee" — is the invention of laymen, and is mainly carried on by them. It has developed with us an enthusiasm for work.

Modifications and Expedients. The *Winnisimmet church* issued at New Year's an Annual Report of the church, giving a history with statistics. The themes for the Week of Prayer were sent, as a sort of pastoral letter, to every church member. A Sunday evening inquiry meeting, which children have been encouraged to attend, has met with great success.

The *Mt. Vernon church* has substituted a half hour prayer meeting, immediately following the afternoon sermon, for the usual evening conference meeting. A pastor's Bible class, on Sunday evening, has had an attendance of 150 or 200.

The *church in Waltham* reports a praise meeting, held once a month on Sunday evening, as very useful.

The *Pilgrim church, Cambridgeport,* has had a weekly catechetical exercise of the children, which has been largely attended.

In Conclusion, the Committee submitted the following recommendations to the Conference:

1. The publication and distribution among the churches of Annual Reports of the proceedings of the Conference and the work of the churches.

2. A more just allotment of benevolent contributions. "Very little," they say, "is given to the Education Society or the Bible Society," and not as much to Home Missions as the cause demands.

3. They raise the question, whether it would not be well to have a church extension society in the Conference, to look after *new organizations* and *feeble churches* — with a committee of appropriation receiving annual contributions from the churches.

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 32; pastors, 27; stated preachers, 2; pulpits vacant, 2; churches aided, 0.

As this Conference was omitted last year, we allow it larger space now.

Twenty-seven churches send quite full reports, many of great interest, and forming, together a most encouraging narrative.

One *new church* has been organized, at *Newton Highlands,* and now reports a membership of 40, a parish of 65 families, contributions for one quarter amounting to $560, and "ten different denominations in the congregation and working in perfect harmony."

Boston. The *Second church* in the *Dorchester* district reports general vigor and growth, a parish of 230 families, and a net gain of 8 members. The *Union* church has added 27 members. There is an increasing interest in the "uniform study of the Word"; and the method of *giving, upon each*

Lord's day, as an act of devotion and a regular part of the worship, is found to work well. "Receipts increase, and individual givers have found a special blessing in so doing." *Park Street church* lost its records for the last three years, in the great fire. It has received addtions at every communion. The attendance averages 1500 on Sunday mornings, and 900 in the afternoon. The *Berkley Street church* has sustained an *outpost* on Harrison avenue, where weekly meetings are held. The young men have worked efficiently, and conversions have been frequent. An *industrial school* has been held, every week, in the lecture room; and a *course of low priced lectures* has been delivered — no less than 1700 tickets having been given away. The *Central church* has maintained regular preaching services, with a Sunday school, and prayer meetings, teacher's meetings, and temperance meetings, at the "Old Colony" chapel, under the care of Rev. *C. L. Mills*,— the congregation numbering 100 and the school 175. Some conversions are reported. It is suggested that the territory covered by this and similar efforts in the neighborhood needs a *Free church*, centrally placed, and drawing its membership and support from four or five churches in the vicinity. The *Shawmut church* reports a net gain of 5. Rev. *Daniel W. Waldron*, Secretary of the City Missionary Society, preaches regularly and holds temperance meetings in the Branch chapel. The *fellowship meeting* is still observed, also a weekly Bible class, ladies' prayer meeting and Maternal meeting; and on Monday afternoons, at 5 o'clock, public *"conversations" upon the church creed and covenant*, attended by young and old.

The *E Street* church, (South Boston,) reports a net gain of 11. *Promise* meetings have been held. The value of *song* has not been forgotten. The "monthly church conference" (before the communion) "is given up to the recital of experiences," agreeing thus with the Baptist "covenant meetings," and is found to beget sympathy and fellowship. The pastor regrets that the Sunday school children are so often absent from the services of the sanctuary. The *Phillips church*, (South Boston,) has a Sabbath school of 507; in which 8000 copies of religious publications have been distributed. *Eight* weekly prayer meetings are regularly held. In one district, every house was visited and *two thirds* of the residents were found to be *neglecters*. Two Christian women, city missionaries, give their whole time to religious visitation. The people of this church have shown their good sense, and their good feeling toward their pastor, by sending him to Europe for a five months vacation, continuing his salary, supplying his pulpit, and adding $1,225 for expenses.

The *Eliot church*, (Boston Highlands,) reports a net gain of 22 — with an increasing congregation. Early in the year, an "*Enlistment Card*"— designating departments of labor — was issued, and every church member was urged to do *something*. About 90 responses were received. The third Friday evening in every month is devoted to the *Home Concert*. The church was refreshed by a *revival*, commencing with the Week of Prayer, and some 30 persons gave evidence of conversion — among them a man of sixty years and a child of ten. The *Vine Street church*, (Boston Highlands,) has received 41 on confession and 18 by letter. *Praise meetings* are held

for half an hour preceding the evening meeting of the last Sunday of every month; and *fellowship meetings* at irregular intervals. The church has enjoyed a blessed and refreshing work of Divine grace, distinguished by quietness, and carried on chiefly through the chapel and neighborhood prayer meetings, and by private labors. It was largely among adults — no less than 24 heads of families being included. The *Highland* church, (Boston Highlands,) has had a net gain of 9. The *home concert* is held on the fourth Friday evening of each month, when new methods of church work are canvassed and reports are made. The plan of *weekly contributions* has succeeded beyond expectation, the average weekly contributions for six months being $55, $60, $67, $80, $80, $87. Two neighborhood prayer meetings are held weekly, and have been instrumental in bringing neglecters to church. The *Walnut Avenue church*, (Boston Highlands,) has spent $23,000 upon a new house of worship; the total of its expenditures and charities is $30,824.

The church in *Brighton* reports a net gain of 10. Sunday evening preaching has been tried and given up for the old way. The young people now conduct the prayer meeting of that evening. A *revival* resulted in 12 or more hopeful conversions. *Harvard church*, *Brookline*, though without pastor or stated supply, returns a gain of 24 — of whom 15 are upon confession. Neighborhood prayer meetings have been held regularly, and well attended by young people. The congregation has increased, and, in spite of the expenses of building a new church, and the losses by the great fire, the charities show an increase of several hundred dollars. The church in *Dedham*, has gained 22 — the largest number for 40 years. A *new feature* in its prayer meetings has been the recital, by many, of passages of scripture — with excellent effect. The *fellowship meeting* has been tried for the first time, with happy success. The Branch Sunday school has had a remarkably regular attendance. *Committees*, of men and women, have been appointed for various kinds of general work, as visiting the aged, the sick, the needy, and strangers, and also for the more vigorous support of devotional meetings. The church in *Norwood* has held stated meetings in three different towns. Its two *outposts* have received less cultivation, on account of the prevalence of a contagious disease. Intemperance has been greatly checked by the refusal of the town to allow the selling of ale or beer. The church in *Hyde Park* has 205 families under its care, and returns a gain of 14 members. A *pastoral letter* inviting Christians to enlist in specified forms of work received many responses. The custom *of giving, as an act of devotion and a part of the regular Sabbath worship*, proves a success. Interesting conversions have occurred.

The *First church*, *Newton*, has sent out 17 of its members to aid in forming the new church at the Highlands. It still numbers 100 families. The year has been marked with a most gratifying increase of religious interest. There have been several conversions. Contributions are larger than ever before. The *Second church*, (West) *Newton*, reports a gain of 62 — *having received* 71. Its parish numbers 142 families. A revival enjoyed in the spring, was carried on through prayer meetings *held every night for nearly*

three months. For the first time, the church held a *public anniversary,* at which reports were read by the clerk and pastor — with gratifying success. The year has also been marked by an increased interest and enjoyment in the service of praise and by an unusual attention to the study of the Word, through the influence of the Uniform Lessons and the weekly Bible Class. The *Eliot church, Newton,* has a parish of 200 families, and returns a gain of 21 members — children baptized, 16. *Children's* meetings have been held, with pleasing results. There have been about 30 hopeful conversions. The people generously gave their pastor a vacation of several months for foreign travel, supplying his pulpit and defraying his expenses, at a cost of $2,600. The *Auburndale church, Newton,* has gained 11 members. The Young People's meeting is held in different neighborhoods. The Mothers' meeting is very useful and greatly valued. The *Central church,* (Newtonville,) reports a gain of 20 — mostly the result of a pleasing *revival.* The *North church* has 52 families in its parish; and has been busy in rebuilding its house of worship. It has gained 4 members. Much interest prevails.

The *Phillips church, Watertown,* has 75 families; and has gained 12 members Neighborhood meetings in out-districts are held every week. The "*South*" *church, West Roxbury,* is making trial of a *Bible service* in the afternoon — thus far with success. The *Central church, Jamaica Plain,* has about 150 families in its parish; and has gained 10 members. Its new house of worship has been dedicated. The congregation has increased. The Sunday school has nearly doubled. *Congregational singing* has sensibly elevated the services of the Lord's day. The ladies are supporting a missionary teacher in India. The "*Boylston chapel,*" under the care of Rev. *R. F. Gordon,* is in a most hopeful condition; and the prospect of a new church in that place was never more promising.

Of twenty churches making mention of additions, nineteen report gains — amounting, in the aggregate, to 306; one, a loss, of 17, by emigration; and a new church of 40 members has been organized; — total net gain, 329.

The *expenditures* of 27 churches amounted to $186,432.30 — which sum includes the payment, in two instances, of over $20,000 toward a new house of worship. The *Public charities* of the same (27) churches were $106,198.94; — making a *grand total* of $292,431.24.

These contributions were divided as follows:

Home Missions, (Am. H. M. Soc., Am. Miss. Association, and Local Missions within city or town,)	$31,501.79	or about 30 percent.
Church Building, (Am. Cong. Union,) .	17,452.96	" 17 "
Foreign Missions, ...	26,909.22	" 26 "
Seamen, ...	1,694.81	" 1 "
Christian Education, ...	9,013.68	" 9 "
Christian Publication, ...	1,796.54	" 1 "
Miscellaneous charities, ...	17,729.94	" 17 "
	$106,198.94	

Number of churches, 21; pastors, 8; stated preachers, 8; pulpit vacant, 5; churches aided, 5.

Brief notes of the condition of the churches of this Conference have been received. We give what seems most important.

The following churches report the *number of families* in their respective parishes, viz: Attleborough, First, 106; Berkley, First, 70; Freetown, (Assonet,) 38; Middleborough, North, 109; Seekonk, (omitting neglecters,) 73; Taunton, Trinitarian Congregational, 224; do., Winslow, 175; — total families under the care of seven churches, 795. Average, 113.

Attleborough. The population around the old *First church* has somewhat diminished, and there is a steady drain by emigration. A few of its congregation have become connected with a new church at "*the Falls.*" The people are much scattered; and "get their mails at no less than five different post-offices." There has been a gain of *one* in the number of communicants. The charities "have touched bottom" and begun to increase. There is a faithful company of Sunday school teachers. *Second church.* Rev. Samuel Bell was installed in June. The congregation is large; the parish united and sympathetic.

Bridgewater. Scotland church. This church suffers from emigration; and from a tendency to half-day attendance. Sunday school, good.

Dighton. Several hopeful conversions have taken place among young people. The congregation is good; the Sunday school flourishing.

Fall River. First church. Mission work is carried on with steady vigor and increasing promise. The Church Sabbath school has declined in numbers and efficiency, for lack of teachers. Young people are taking somewhat more interest in spiritual things and in the church. There has been some improvement also in the type of piety, a better sense of individual responsibility, more confidence in an ever-present Lord, and more practical efficiency in a varied Christian service. *Central church.* During the winter of 1871–2 there was a deep interest, resulting in an increase of the numbers, spiritual energy and power of the church; and though there was an apparent decline in the summer, the autumn witnessed a return of interest and activity. The Sabbath school work has been reorganized. A Society has been formed, of which the pastor is president, and the superintendents vice-presidents, and through this, the church will carry on all its Sabbath school and missionary work. Rev. *E. A. Buck* is employed as missionary; and has under his charge a school of over 500 members; also a Bible reader, supported and supplied with Bibles by the Fall River Bible Society.

Freetown. The church has just installed a pastor, Rev. *W. H. Cutler*, and its prospects are more hopeful.

Middleborough. North. The congregation and Sabbath school are uniform in attendance; and the service of song has been much inproved, and is very interesting.

Norton. An attempt has been made to look up non-resident members. The *majority* of the Sabbath school are adults — the parish being singularly destitute of children; as young people go to other towns for employment. *Raynham.* No pastor. Good congregation and school. Some religious interest and some conversions. *Rehoboth.* The church has had no settled pastor for five years, and is now without a stated preacher. There is need of energetic and constant work throughout the town. *Seekonk* reports a good congregation and Sunday school, increasing interest in prayer meetings, and $2,100 raised for repairs and for the school. It has made a net gain of 9. There have been several hopeful conversions. The town is receiving an immigration of Romanists. The population is scattered; the neglecters are numerous. *Somerset.* The parish, which is not large or rich, has done nobly in raising funds for improving the house of worship. There has been an increase of religious interest. *Taunton. First church.* (West Taunton.) During July, August and September, 1872, the Sabbath school was substituted for the morning service; but the arrangement proved unsatisfactory and was given up. The community is irreligious, and the church small. There have been some hopeful conversions. The *Trinitarian Congregational church.* This church has a parish of 224 families, and a *resident* membership of 268. An examination of its list revealed the fact that 82 persons whose names it contained had either died or been dismissed, and 96 were living elsewhere. The charities of the congregation have doubled. *The Winslow church* has been adding 200 sittings to its house of worship. Neighborhood prayer meetings have been sustained, with good results. The pastor has frequently taken members of the church with him, in his visiting. Sabbath school teachers have also engaged in this form of service — "the most hopeful of all agencies." For a season, the regular afternoon service was omitted; and instead, on alternate Sabbaths, lectures were given to the young people; which were crowded. Topics for the weekly prayer meetings are assigned on Sunday. "Outside meetings" are sustained in connection with the Trinitarian church. The net gain in church members was 5. The Sunday school numbers 343. *Union church,* (Whittenton.) A new house of worship has been completed, with 400 sittings. There has been a large increase in the congregation; the pews are all rented, with a demand for more. The new vestry witnesses an improvement in the social spirit. Rev. *Isaac Dunham,* since 1868 the acting pastor of this church, has been compelled by ill health to resign this position. Rev. *H. Morton Dexter* has been ordained and installed in his place. The pastor of the Second church, in Berkley, Rev. *J. A. Roberts,* has died; and the church "*has gone over to the Methodists.*"

WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 14; pastors, 4; stated preachers, 6; pulpits vacant, 4; churches aided, 3.

Eleven out of the fourteen churches in this Conference make report.

CONTRIBUTIONS. Five churches show a gain, and six a loss. On the whole, there is a gain, of $120.71; and counting legacies, of $1,020.71. In most cases where there has been a diminution, it is attributable to the removal or the absence of the pastor, or to loss of property, and not to any falling off in the spirit of benevolence.

GAINS AND LOSSES. Only one church reports a gain, by admission on confession over removals by death. No church shows a gain on admission by letter over removals by letter. *Every church shows a loss*, on the whole —averaging 4 to each. Several, however, have had accessions since the beginning of the present year.

FAMILIES. Seven churches report an aggregate of 618 families — an average of only 88. In one case, however, "the number reported," says the Committee, "cannot be more than half of the number of families that should be cared for by that church; and others also report too few."

BAPTISMS. Of ten infant baptisms returned, *nine* are reported by the church at Hubbardston.

REVIVAL. The week of prayer was observed by all the churches, and with encouraging results. In three churches a spiritual refreshing was experienced, characterized by marked answers to prayer. In two cases, a child of the pastor was hopefully converted. In one instance, the pastor's only son, absent at school, was made the subject of prayer at home, and in a few days word came that he was rejoicing in hope. Only the ordinary means were employed by these churches.

OUT-DISTRICTS. Five churches report 9 out-districts as occupied. Some of these are quite populous. The meetings are well attended. In one there have been signs of unusual interest.

OUT CLASSES. From one church, the statement comes: "It seems as though the existence of the church depends upon reaching the masses of neglecters. Still, the question is, how?

In two or three churches, *Praise meetings* are held, with great enjoyment and profit; and others report Social gatherings of much interest.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM. The churches of *Athol* and *Hubbardston* have adopted the voluntary system in raising money, for all purposes. No one is asked for a dollar; but the result exceeds former experience.

There is a call for a new church on a broad basis, within this Conference —in a destitute community larger than are many of our good parishes.

WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Number of churches, 14; pastors, 11; stated preachers, 3; pulpits vacant, 0; church aided, 1.

REVIVALS. A quiet work of grace is reported by the *First church, Millbury*, with from 25 to 30 hopeful conversions, mostly among the young; a "quickening," also, and some conversions, from *Webster*; and from *Saundersville*, about 20 conversions, including a number of heads of families..

OUT-DISTRICTS. In *Grafton* four meetings at out-posts, are sustained by the *Young Men's Christian Association*. Under the care of the church in

Sutton, there are likewise four districts, in which the pastor preaches on Sabbath evenings. The *Uxbridge* church sustains two branch Sunday schools. *Whitinsville* sustains a prayer meeting, on Sunday evenings, at the distance of two miles from the church — save the fourth of each month, when the pastor preaches, and usually to a large audience, in the school house. The pastor of the church at *Northbridge Centre* holds a similar meeting. *Webster* church reports Neighborhood meetings in the outskirts. There appear to be few, if any, neglected out-districts within the Conference.

The greater part of the population is in villages, and much of it is of a floating character. These transient families and individuals are, very largely, neglecters of the Sanctuary. Forming few acquaintances, and receiving scant attention from the permanent residents, even those of their number who have been church-goers, often lose the habit. One of the most pressing and difficult questions is, how the village churches are to obtain any hold of this *stream* continually passing their doors.

REVIEW.

Upon a review of the reports, the following points attract our notice.

1. The apparent *small size of many parishes*. One Conference returns, for example, only an average of 88 families to a church. The others show a larger average, but yet much too small. It would seem, that families properly under the care of the churches are often overlooked.

2. The manifestly great irregularity in respect to the observance of *Infant Baptism*. In some parishes, observance is the rule, in others, neglect. Here is evidently one of the points upon which the people need instruction. It would not be in accordance with a proper self-respect, to allow this matter to remain as it is; and great interests suffer, from a widespread omission of duty, on the part of churches, towards parents and children. It is sadly true that churches are not proving themselves such schools and such homes as they ought to be.

3. There is a tendency to change the established order of the *Sabbath services*, in a way of *experiment*. We seem called upon to remember here, that unsuccessful experiments of this kind, unsettle habits. They smooth the way for the neglect of the Sanctuary and the breaking of the Sabbath. It is of vast importance that our main instituted observances be not continually subject to change. If they are, what will be stable? A further inquiry seems also pertinent, here: whether it is wise to reduce the functions of our educated ministry, and to substitute an untrained and less competent body of instructors. The times appear to call for the ripest wisdom and the largest knowledge, on the part of those who are to have the training of the people in the Scriptures.

4. About thirty *revivals* are referred to — if our numeration is correct — in the reports received. Many other churches have enjoyed a heightened interest, and have shown a more than ordinarily healthful condition. Why might not the narratives of revivals be made more complete?

5. A new usage appears to be gaining ground in respect to *Contributions*. Three of the Conferences make special mention of the "*Envelope*

System." It is reported as very successful. Some churches raise all their money in this way, and find it far superior to the old method.

6. Three new usages in *Sunday school administration* are mentioned: (1) A fortnightly examination of the school in the Scripture studied; (2) "Mixed classes"—composed, if we understand the term, of both sexes; (3) A short prayer meeting, of about fifteen minutes, at the conclusion of the session. The plan of holding *children's meetings*, and also of giving to young people regular instruction in the *Catechism*, has met with gratifying success. The First church in Amherst offers a kind of *Child's covenant* to it's young people, and appears to be successfully enlisting its children in the service of Christ;—an example worthy, it would seem, of imitation.

At least one church has maintained an *Industrial School;* and has secured a *Course of low priced Lectures.*

7. In regard to *Temperance*, the old story is repeated, with little improvement. In very many rural districts there is no intemperance; in all cities and large towns, or nearly all, there seems to be "free rum." The old "beer clause" receives universal condemnation; and the long failure of the prohibitory system to accomplish all that was hoped from it, is turning attention once more to the virtues of persuasion. In a few places, "Reform Clubs" have wrought wonders—at least, for a time.

8. CHURCH WORK continues to show a steady advance. The out-districts are very generally cared for. It does not appear that any distinct neighborhoods are neglected. From nearly all parts of the State, we hear of *District meetings, Branch Sunday schools, Praise meetings, and Text meetings.* Mention is also made of the *Fellowship meeting*, the *Home Concert*, of *Pastoral letters*, and the *Enlistment card.* A church in the Norfolk Conference gives a pleasant account of its "*Church circle.*" The custom of holding an *anniversary*, with reports of the work of the church and of all changes within the year, appears to be growing in favor. The effort made to secure a *definition of the parish* and a *registry of families* recognized as under church care, appears to have been not wholly fruitless. The plan of appointing a "*Superintendent of Church Work*" has been successfully tried. Such an officer seems to be required in all churches having a large field of labor; and in cities especially, seems indispensable to the relief of the pastor from overwhelming labors.

From some of the Conferences come in statements of a discouraging nature. We read, in one case, of "no revivals"; in another, that only one church reports more additions upon confession than removals by death, while every church shows a loss upon the whole; and, again, one entire county reckons up a loss, as the result of five years' work. From a different quarter, we are told that the large floating population of the factory towns is unreached. A church that has been making a canvass of a district in South Boston finds that two thirds of its people neglecters.

These facts indicate a chronic imperfection of church methods. But on the other hand, there are many *encouragements*—in the revivals, the general prosperity of the churches, the manifest growth of church activity, and increase of steady, organized effort. Now, also, for the first time, we have

provision made for looking after the organization of new churches, and for sustaining *all the varied forms of either ministerial or lay activity*, in any and every part of the State, which can at any time be needed.

Suggestions from the Conferences. A few of the Committees conclude their reports with brief inferences or recommendations. One of them expresses strongly the opinion, that *every Conference should see that every part of its territory is included within the recognized responsibility of some Church.* We see not how this opinion can be questioned. Another, surveying the whole field, declares the grand difficulty to be (1) a lack of earnestness, on the part of the churches; and (2) a lack of *organization*,—the latter consequent, doubtless, upon the former. As an illustration: A Conference which was reminded, several years ago, by one of its oldest pastors, that within twenty-five years it had not only failed to keep up with the increase of the population, but had actually diminished in numbers, while neglect was still multiplying, has not yet received the zeal and courage necessary for grappling with this practical problem—for searching out the causes, and organizing the forces requisite, with the Divine blessing, to counterwork them. Still another Committee points to the fact that less than one sixth of the adult population of the County are communicants.

From a different quarter we get some specific recommendations: (1) The publication of *Annual Reports* of the work and statistics of the Conference, for distribution among its members. This is already done, in whole or in part, by some Conferences, and meets with evident approval. (2) A more *just allotment* of benevolent contributions. Some societies do not get their proper share. (3) A local organization for "church extension," i. e., for the building of chapels and founding of new churches. This suggestion is important. The population of our State has long been undergoing a new mixing up, a recrystallization about new centres. As ties of denomination and opinion are now-a-days weak, these changes enable those denominations which are comparatively feeble here, to increase their strength very largely, by a judicious activity, at the cost of others, more inert. There can be no doubt that the Congregational body has suffered, and is now suffering serious loss in this way. The two words, "earnestness" and "organization," show with clearness, to those who believe in the Holy Ghost, the way out of this difficulty and of many others.

In conclusion: We find in the experience of the past year, and alike in its successes and failures, one grand lesson—that we MAKE MORE OF OUR CHURCHES.

To the body of Christ, the work of Christ belongs. The work which is given to it, it can do.

By vote of the State Committee on Home Evangelization.

DANIEL P. NOYES, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE:

APPENDIX.

THE STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES OF LOCAL CONFERENCES.

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Franklin "	Rev. DAVID A. STRONG.
Hampden "	Rev. JOHN W. HARDING.*
Hampshire "	Rev. JAMES P. KIMBALL.*
Hampshire East "	Rev. GEORGE E. FISHER.
Mendon "	Rev. BERNARD PAINE.
Middlesex South "	Rev. DANIEL WIGHT.
Middlesex Union "	Rev. HORACE PARKER.
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Old Colony "	
Pilgrim "	Rev. JOSEPH PECKHAM.
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EXPENSES AND CHARITIES.

The following returns are published, simply as examples illustrative of the value of the statistics requested of the churches, and of the *practicability* of furnishing them. The tables are not all in the form proposed by the Committee. But in every instance in which this form has been departed from, there is a loss of significance, with no gain. Compare the returns from the *Hampshire East*, *Mendon* and *Middlesex Union* Conferences, with the rest.

A thoughtful study of these tables, a comparison of the gifts to various objects, and of the amounts with the known ability of many congregations —known to their pastors, members and neighbors—will be found to be instructive. When will the pastors furnish themselves with a *complete statement*, covering the Commonwealth?

From these returns, imperfect as they are, we gather indications respecting

MINISTERIAL SALARIES.

In	20	churches	of the	Andover	Conference,	average salary	$1,750.*
"	11	"		Hampshire East	"	" "	1,275.
"	11	"		Mendon	"	" "	1,450.
"	13	"		Middlesex South	"	" "	1,485.
"	15	"		Middlesex Union	"	" "	1,333.
"	12	"		Suffolk North	"	" "	3,133.
"	8	"		Taunton	"	" "	1,581.

" 90 churches of seven Conferences, average salary 1,717.

* Here and elsewhere, also, allowance has been made for the rent of parsonages, when reported; and in one case a full salary has been counted in, where only the cost of "supply" is given.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PARISH EXPENSES.			CHARITIES.								GRAND TOTAL.
PLACE AND NAME.	Salary of Pastor.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Chris'n Education.	Chris'n Publication.	Other Objects.	Total Charities.	
Andover, South,	$1,800.00	$2,100.00	$3,900.00	$890.71	$440.00	$1,111.15		$100.00		$518.15	$3,060.01	$6,960.01
" West,	1,400.00	1,032.00	2,432.00	773.12	500.00	161.00	$75.00	100.00	$50.00	1,037.08	2,696.20	5,128.20
" Free Christian,	1,800.00	1,259.16	3,059.16	379.55	31.55	27.50				152.85	591.45	3,650.61
" Ballard Vale,	500.00	65.00	565.00	30.00		49.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	119.00	684.00
" Theological Seminary,				389.42		805.70		103.70		42.81	1,341.63	1,341.63
Chelmsford, Second, North,	1,200.00			66.05		23.00	26.91			15.50	131.46	1,331.46
Dracut, First,	520.00	400.00	920.00	17.00							17.00	937.00
" Pawtucket,	*1,250.00	300.00	1,550.00	71.06	37.41	91.30		18.33	27.83	164.70	410.63	1,960.63
" Centre,	750.00										None.	750.00
Lawrence, Lawrence Street,	2,400.00	1,600.00	4,000.00	1,400.17	283.40	500.00		100.00	100.00	550.00	2,933.57	6,933.57
" Central,	2,500.00	1,485 62	3,985.62	290.01	45.35	161.16				234.34	730.86	4,716.48
" Eliot,	2,500.00	3,000.00	5,500.00	342.55	100.00	150.27	15.00				607.82	6,107.82
" South,	770.00	172.76	942.76	17.60		13.13					30.73	973.49
Lowell, First,	3,000.00	1,836.09	4,836.09	162.50	62.00	207.67		226.18		223.19	881.54	5,718.63
" Appleton Street,	*2,000.00	1,080.43	3,080.43		26.50	60.00				423.67	510.17	3,590.60
" John Street,	3,000.00	650.00	3,650.00	1,600.00	300.00	962.00				925.00	3,787.00	7,437.00
" Kirk Street,	2,500.00	900.00	3,400.00	490.57		111.76	140.95	61.50	104.27	520.91	1,429.96	4,829.96
" High Street,	2,500.00	3,381.96	5,881.96	309.60		146.78	132.50			130.01	718.88	6,600.84
Methuen, First Parish,	1,500.00	1,216.98	2,716.98	55.77		263.53		209.90	10.00	159.68	698.88	3,414.88
North Andover,	1,325.00	1,248.22	2,573.22	115.00		189.65					304.65	2,877.87
Tewksbury,	*1,200.00	2,284.35	3,484.35	45.00		124.00	43.50			36.00	248.50	3,732.85
Tyngsborough,	†All right	125.00		5.52	4.50	28.68					38.70	
Total,	$34,415.00	$24,337.57	$58,752.57	$7,451.20	$1,830.71	$5,187.28	$438.86	$924.61	$302.10	$5,153.89	$21,288.64	$80,041.21

* And Parsonage.

† "Trust in the Lord and do good and verily thou shalt be fed."

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Society.	Publication Society.	Am. Mission. Asso. & Freedmen.	Education.	Am. Cong. Union. Church Buil'g.	Local Charities.	Miscellaneous Contributions.	Seamen.	Tract Society.	Repairs, &c.	Total.
Amesbury, West,	$319.39	$319.00		$35.95	$116.96	$21.53	$132.00		$132.77				$1,077.60
" Mills,	30.00	60.00		51.00	28.50	38.23		$51.30	211.04	$20.00		$500.00	990.07
" and Salisbury, Un. Ev.	15.68	14.59			27.19				25.31	21.81			104.58
Boxford, West,		10.00							30,000.00				30,010.00
Bradford, First,	303.00	368.18	$59.40	83.61	40.00	54.63	1,036.00	443.00	442.01			500.00	3,333.83
Georgetown,			14.47		45.15				131.24				190.86
Groveland,													250.00
Haverhill, West,	70.00	133.19		56.28					14.00				283.47
" East,									45.00				45.00
" Centre,	471.44	442.14			80.00	62.69	73.75	2,454.21		20.00		655.48	4,259.71
" North,	451.25	351.89	42.00	75.19	150.00	58.60	59.45	1,575.00	1,603.00		†65.98		4,432.36
Ipswich, First,													500.88
" Linebrook,	10.00	34.94				6.00							46.94
Newbury, First,	140.00	6.00					63.00		249.00				458.00
" Byfield,	18.50	12.50			6.91				200.00	8.50			246.41
Newburyport, North,	131.62	175.08						61.93		24.88			393.51
" Fourth,	344.02	156.20	35.55						185.00		26.21		747.58
" Belleville,	510.00	777.36	80.37			83.66	105.17	170.32	156.42	57.50			1,940.80
" Whitefield,	76.82	208.12		29.66	78.22	39.58	209.72		454.12			4,500.00	5,596.24
" First Presb.,	210.00	10.00	34.90		7.25				442.44				704.59
" Second Presb.,	100.00	65.00		27.50		32.00		25.00	46.00			4,000.00	4,295.50
Rowley,	90.81	100.00	41.80					25.00					257.61
West Newbury, First,	.50	22.00			27.00				15.00			262.00	327.00
" " Second,		105.00		10.00	30.00				30.00		.50		175.00
Total	$3,302.63	$3,371.19	$308.49	$369.19	$637.18	$396.92	$1,679.09	$4,805.76	$34,382.35	$152.69	$92.69	$10,417.48	$60,666 54

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Assoc.	Seamen.	Congreg'l Union.	Bible.	Tract.	Education.	Sunday Schools.	Home Evangl'n	Total.
Springfield, First,	* $791.50	$592.34	$325.30	$132.15	$79.52		$136.60			$123.98	$2,181.39
" Memorial,	100.00					$35.25					135.25
" North,	140.53	233.16	25.13		28.11			$66.77	$60.53	55.85	610.08
" Olivet,	334.95	236.83	54.46	46.09		42.12		30.00			744.45
" South,	655.45	226.84	209.00	19.50	† 25.17						1,135.96
Agawam,	118.95	36.00									154.95
Chester,	25.00	25.65			13.54			6.35			70.54
Chicopee, First,	123.15	91.25	18.68								233.08
" Second,	187.82	116.13	38.09	46.78		36.03					424.85
" Third,	200.83	68.25	85.50	36.14	33.14	40.00	25.00	30.55		62.50	581.91
East Granville,		25.00	25.00								50.00
East Longmeadow,	110.73	114.92	37.00	18.00	10.00						290.65
Feeding Hills,	14.30	17.70	6.87			7.66					46.53
Holyoke, First,	19.00										19.00
" Second,	166.63	67.56			34.78				27.48		296.45
Indian Orchard,	23.25	30.03	11.50	20.00	12.20	9.17	10.00	25.02	10.00		151.17
Longmeadow,	367.50	201.98	58.70	64.56		54.20	21.75	30.15	34.96	28.96	862.76
Ludlow,	56.04	73.12	52.29			15.02				7.74	204.21
Mittineague,			17.37								17.37
Monson,	352.93	295.00	80.00	31.00	50.00			77.67	22.00		908.60
Palmer, Second,	74.63		17.50	32.10	62.37	13.25			30.00		229.85
South Hadley Falls,	188.00	133.00	120.00	58.00	63.00	58.00		60.00	61.00		741.00
South Wilbraham,		5.00	5.00						11.00		21.00
Southwick,		5.27									5.27
Thorndike,	37.15										37.15
Westfield, First,	525.75	81.54	31.14		† 30.00		31.23	46.78			746.44
" Second,	181.58	150.28		87.45			88.51			78.39	586.21
West Granville,	11.00	15.00									26.00
West Springfield,	76.02	82.77	42.00	26.28			30.00				257.07
" " Park Street,	16.30	32.80									49.10
Wilbraham,	53.94	55.19	40.37	19.24	18.00	16.18	15.29		32.89	11.86	262.96
Individuals,	25.00	125.00	50.00			38.75					238.75
Total,	$4,977.93	$3,137.61	$1,350.90	$637.29	$459.83	$365.63	$358.38	$373.29	$289.86	$369.28	$12,320.00

* Including $10 Presbyterian Board. † Cong. Association.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. I.

FAMILIES AND PARISH EXPENSES.

For details of Public Charities see next page, where, for want of room, churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with their numbers on this page.

	CHURCHES.	Families in Parish.	Regularly Attending.	Neglecting.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expen's.	Total Expen's.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
1	Amherst, First,	200	200	0	$2.700.00	$3,826.52	$6,526.52	$779.22	$7,305.74
2	" Second,	100	86	14	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	163.09	1,363.09
3	" College,							1,163.37	
4	" North,	160	150	10				465.21	
5	" South,	98	84	14	1,200.00	116.75	1,316.75	377.00	1,693.75
6	Belchertown,	210			1,300.00	5,224.13	6,524.13	313.10	6,837.23
7	Enfield,	141	111	30	1,425.00	329.30	1,754.30	2,357.00	4,111.30
8	Granby,	152	138	14	1,200.00	387.64	1,587.64	903.80	2,491.44
9	Greenwich,	122	65	57				256.74	
10	Hadley, First,	98			1,000.00	700.00	1,700.00	389.77	2,089.77
11	" Second,							211.00	
12	" Russell,	63	55	8				568.42	
13	Leverett,	97	52	45	700.00	21.00	721.00		
14	Packardville,	46	24	22	500.00	250.00	750.00	26.35	776.35
15	Pelham,								
16	Prescott,	28	20	8					
17	South Hadley,	181	165	16	1,500.00	4,770.00	6,270.00	1,013.54	7,283.54
18	South Hadley Falls,	109	105	4	1,500.00	600.00	2,100.00	370.05	2,470.05
19	Whately,	101	68	33				163.42	
	Totals,	* 1,906	† 1,323	† 275	$14,025.00	$16,425.34	$30,450.34	$9,521.08	$39,971.42
	Average,	* 119	† 94	† 20					

*Sixteen churches. †Fourteen churches.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES.

Churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with numbers on preceding page.

No. of Ch.	HOME MISSIONS.					CH. BUIL'G.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Seamen's Friend Soci'ty.	CHRIST. EDUCA'N.			CHRIST. PUBLICATION.				Miscellaneous.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. S.	Freedmen.	Local.	Other.	A. C. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Papal Lands.	Other.		A. Ed. Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Other.	Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	Other.	
1	$59.19	$42.51	$67.05			$39.58		$408.76	$6.00	$43.42									$112.71
2	16.00							27.00				$12.00							108.00
3	217.50	53.75						371.37		191.50	$33.50	224.75				$35.25	$35.75		
4	71.26	95.00						148.82			65.00								85.13
5	32.00	75.00						62.00									8.00		200.00
6	89.00	54.00						75.10	24.50		47.00				$23.50				
7	440.00	448.00			$85.00		$764.00	425.00			90.00	60.00							45.00
8	103.50	93.10			124.62			216.76			55.50				8.11	30.10	11.50		260.61
9	73.40	38.34						145.00											
10	144.35	25.00				12.00		70.60	29.80		55.00					13.06	13.06		26.90
11	50.00	84.00						32.00								15.00			30.00
12	93.41	26.73			41.15	11.34		222.60						$90.00		19.71			63.48
13																			
14	7.50	5.60				7.00		6.25											
15																			
16																			
17	118.50	256.10			233.14			153.25	18.00		17.00	18.50			14.00	12.25	32.50		140.30
18	44.00	61.70						82.65	37.70		38.53					32.50			72.97
19	10.56	15.67						92.04			6.10	6.17				10.00			22.88
	$1,570.17	$1,374.50	$67.05		$483.91	$69.92	$764.00	$2,539.20	$116.00	$234.92	$407.63	$321.42		$90.00	$45.61	$157.87	$100.81		$1,167.98

MENDON CONFERENCE. I.

FAMILIES AND PARISH EXPENSES.

CHURCHES.	No. of Families.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
Foxborough,		$1,800.00	$2,415.00	$4,215.00	$690.93	$4,905.93
Franklin,	145	1,600.00	996.50	2,596.50	835.01	3,431.51
" South,		400.00	50.00	450.00		450.00
Mansfield,	120	1,200.00	300.00	1,500.00	379.78	1,879.78
Medfield,	68	866.66	222.00	1,088.66	395.58	1,484.24
Medway, East,	130	1,500.00	2,556.68	4,056.68	464.79	4,521.47
" Village,	140	2,000.00	565.00	2,565.00	866.61	3,431.61
" West,		1,600.00	780.00	2,380 00	618.00	2,998.00
Milford,		3,000.00	2,870.00	5,870.00	484.76	6,354.76
Norfolk,	30	600.00		600.00	73.00	673.00
Walpole,		1,373.00	325.00	1,698.00	501.61	2,199.61
Wrentham, ...(No report.)						
Total,	633	$15,939.66	$11,080.18	$27,019.84	$5,310.07	$32,329.91

MENDON CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES IN DETAIL.

CHURCHES.	HOME MISSIONS.			CH. BUIL'ING.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Seamen's Friend Soc.	CH'N EDU'N.		CHRIS'N PUBLICA'N.			Miscellaneous.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. A.	Other.	Amer. Cong. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Papal Lands.	Other.		A. Ed. Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Cong. Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	
Foxborough,	$89.09	$104.58	$179.86			$181.85	$25.31	$50.00	$20.00			$40.24			
Franklin,	65.76	168.47		$60.50		99.80	12.40		44.38	$81.65	$80.00	11.24	$16.65	$10.16	$184.00
" South,															
Mansfield,	18.58	24.00	14.20			13.00			32.00						278.00
Medfield,	77.08	50.00				87.00	15.00		5.06						161.50
Medway, East,	34.00	10.00	100.00			79.96	18.00		46.60	8.35			21.42	17.53	128.83
" Village,	60.00	136.75	268.00			88.25	21.50		72.11		55.00		34.00		131.00
" West,															
Milford,	85.00	30.00	210.00			75.00							34.76		50.00
Norfolk,	24.00		8.00												41.00
Walpole,		45.85	208.90		$85.11	44.60		75.00	42.15						
Wrentham, (No report.)															
Total,	$453.51	$569.65	$988.96	$60.50	$85.11	$669.46	$92.21	$125.00	$262.24	$90.00	$135.00	$51.48	$106.83	$27.79	$974.33

MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	Families.	PARISH EXPENSES.			CHARITIES.								Total Expenses & Charities.
		Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenditures.	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Chris'n Education.	Chris'n Publication.	Miscellaneous.	Total Charities.	
Dover,	30	$700		$700.00	$19.25		$9.00	$5.50			$5.20	$38.95	$738.95
Holliston,	300	2,300	$2,000.00	4,300.00	679.96	$150.70	278.43	34.00	$19.50	$73.00	150.00	1,385.59	5,685.59
Saxonville,		1,200 —	4,099.22	5,299.22	63.03		53.00			10.50	41.00	167.55	5,466.75
Lincoln,	61	1,000 +	530.00	1,530.00	115.00		325.42			70.00		510.42	2,040.42
Wellesley,	112	1,500		1,500.00	316.06	32.45	289.10		60.08	25.00	158.67	881.36	2,381.36
Sudbury,	128	1,200	380.01	1,580.01	163.10	51.45	111.00	12.63	27.00	29.80	36.85	431.83	2,011.84
Framingham,		2,000	1,600.00	3,600.00	726.72	206.44	679.34		100.00	90.43	375.00	2,177.93	5,777.93
Hopkinton,		2,000	1,100.00	3,100.00	853.56	121.10	313.65	96.18	96.96	321.01	200.00	2,002.46	5,102.46
Marlborough,		2.000	3,500.00	5,500.00								800.00	6,300.00
Natick, First,	310	2,500	6,038.00	8,538.00	888.77	75.00	372.00		254.00	271.98	676 25	2,538.00	11,076.00
" South,	39		906.33	906.33	35.94	6.30	42.72				30.39	115.35	1,021.68
Southborough, Second,	56	500	75.00	575.00			10.00					10.00	585.00
Ashland,		1,400 +	505.98	1,905.98						37.60	86.90	124.50	2,030.48
Concord,											300.00	300.00	300.00
Sherborn,	113												
Southborough,	91	1,000	929.50	1,929.50	111.30		79.20	20.15		20.00		230.65	2,160.15
Total	1.270	$19,300.00	$21,664.04	$40,964 04	$3,972.69	$643.44	$2,562.86	$168.46	$557.54	$949.32	$2,060.26	$11,714.57	$52,678.61

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. I.

FAMILIES AND PARISH EXPENSES.

For details of Public Charities see next page, where, for want of room, churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with their numbers on this page.

	CHURCHES.	No. of Families.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
1	Acton,	125	$1,150.00	$250.00	$1,400.00	$478.43	$1,878.43
2	Ashby,	102	1,050.00	272.00	1,322.00	700.71	2,022.71
3	Ayer,	90	1,200.00	774.00	1,974.00	573.75	2,547.75
4	Boxborough,	22			1,506.80	33.50	1,540.30
5	Dunstable,		700.00	250.00	950.00	66.70	1,016.70
6	Fitchburg, (Calvinistic,)		* 1,600.00	† 14,323.59	15,923.59	† 3,269.68	19,193.27
7	Fitchburg, (Rollstone,)	175	2,500.00	3,500.00	6,000.00	2,219.74	8,219.74
8	Groton,	164	1,800.00	805.00	2,605.00	1,501.31	4,106.31
9	Lancaster,	70	1,200.00	335.00	1,535.00	885.29	2,420.29
10	Harvard,	92	‡ 1,000.00	400.00	1,400.00	337.70	1,737.70
11	Leominster,	200	‡ 1,400.00	§ 1,600.00	3,000.00	1,864.00	4,864.00
12	Littleton,	38	‖ 1,000.00		1,000.00	483.94	1,483.94
13	Lunenburg,		1,000.00	¶ 5,300.00	6,300.00	158.15	6,458.15
14	Pepperell,	214	1,200.00	2,700.00	3,900.00	758.76	4,658.76
15	Townsend, Centre,	150	1,000.00		1,000.00	584.65	1,584.65
16	Westford, Union,		1,000.00	¶ 3,300.00	4,300.00	113.70	4,413.70
	Total	1,442	$18,800.00	$33,809 59	$54,116.39	$14,030.01	$68,146.40

* For "supplying the pulpit."
† Including for repairs, $12,700.
‡ And parsonage.
§ Also $25,000, more or less, for a new Church.
‖ Including part of parsonage.
¶ See Report, page 46.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES IN DETAIL.

Churches are designated by numbers, corresponding with numbers on preceding page.

No. of Chur's.	HOME MISSIONS.				CH. BUIL'NG.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Sea-men's Friend Soc.	CHRIST'N EDUCA'N.			CHRISTIAN PUBLICATION.			
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. S.	Freed-men.	Other.	Amer. Cong. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Papal Lands.	Other.		A. Ed. Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Other.	Cong. Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	Other.
1	$44.00	$153.00			$10.00		$20.00				$15.00	$7.75		$29.00			
2	71.05	52 97		$95.00	7.00		49.30	$8.50		$32.79	21.90	3.00		52.25	$9.25	$10.70	
3	160.00		$43.75	48.00	20.00		60.00		$25.00	44.00							
4	18.00	10.50	5.00														
5	23.90	6.30					15.00		3.00	6.25		2.00			5.75	4.50	
6	784.01	145.65	140 00	448.18			670·71	56.00	136.00	112.35	54.37		$165.00	34.66	95.37	281.87	
7	305.94	246.00			115.50		76.00	76.50	55.25	29.75	15.00			87.00	13.80	15.50	
8	152.70	206.69		230.00	46.31		102.75	56.50	30.00	15.10		58.76		27.20			
9	102.30	98.92		140.00	115.00		208.79	78.18				31.65			30.05		
10	87.65	69.00			6.75		72.25			31.85	27.70			15.00	15.50		$12.00
11				1,000.00		$30.00			500.00	30.00			204.00				100.00
12	86.00	47.75			16.50		184.63	·	18.00	14.25	20.25			21.81	6.25	10.25	58.25
13	40.00	2.25		44.70			20.00			9.00	31.25				4.00	6.95	
14	111.70	36.00		100 00	12.50		30.75	13.50	1.00	61.75	30.10			67.30	13.50	10.75	
15	123.55	116.25					106.40	11.75		30 03	18.00	13.50		15.35	10.00		
16	26 00	9.50					16.55	2.00	13.25	4.75	12.00			1.00	4.90	2.75	
	$2,136.89	$1,200 78	$188.75	$2,105.88	$349.56	$30.00	$1,692.13	$302.93	$781.50	$421.87	$245.63	$116 66	$369.00	$350.57	$208.37	$343.27	$270.25

Miscellaneous charities, $3,035.97, as follows: Acton, $199.08; Ashby, $306.94; Ayer, $173: Fitchburg Calvinistic, $145.51; Rollstone, $1,183.50; Groton, $515.30; Lancaster, $80.31; Pepperell, $269.91; Townsend, Centre, $142.82; Westford, Union, $21.

PILGRIM CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	No. of Families.	Parish Expenses.	Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
Carver,	60	$900.00	$16.50	$916.50
Duxbury,	70	1,550.00	51.00	1,601.00
Hanover, First,		700.00	80.00	780.00
Kingston,	60	812.00	33.00	845.00
Marshfield,	101	813.95	322.07	1,136.02
" East,	52	700.00	64.68	764.68
Plymouth, Pilgrimage,		3,617.87	626.81	4,244.68
" Fourth,	80	844.73	17.32	862.05
Plympton,		925.00	27.00	952.00
Total,	*423	$10,863 55	$1,238.38	$12,101.93

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. I.

SALARIES, PARISH EXPENSES, AND CHARITIES—TOTALS.

CHURCHES.	PARISH EXPENSES.			Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.		
Arlington,	$2,400.00	$4,650 00	$7,050.00		
Boston, Mt. Vernon,	6,500.00	19,205.00	25,705.00	$7,726.71	$33,431.71
Cambridge, First,	4,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00		
" North Avenue,	2,000.00	5,950.00	7,950.00		
Cambridgeport, First,	4,000.00	8,642.00	12,642 00	2,867.73	15,509.73
" Pilgrim,	3,000.00	8,447.00	11,447.00	711.34	12,158.34
Charlestown, First,					
" Winthrop,	4.000.00	8.500.00	12,500.00	2,907.52	15,407.52
Chelsea, Winnisimmet,	†3,000.00	5,300.00	8,300.00	2,070.01	10,370.01
Revere,	1,000.00	401.60	1,401.60	23.83	1,425.43
Somerville, East,	3,000.00	‡ 3,250.00	6,250.00	1,366.00	7,616.00
" Winter Hill,	2,000.00				
Waltham,	2,200.00	2,650.00	4,850.00	1,077.29	5,927.29
Total,	$37,100.00	$74,095.60	$110.095.60	$18,750.43	$101,846.03

*Six churches—Average, 70.

† And Parsonage.

‡ Also paid a debt of over $20,000.

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES IN DETAIL.

CHURCHES.	HOME MISSIONS.			Church Building.	FOR'N MISS'NS.		Seamen.	CHRIST. ED.		CHRIST. PUBLICA'N.			Miscellaneous Gifts.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. A.	Other.		Am. Board.	Papal Lands.		Education Soc.	Coll. Soc.	Cong. Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	
Arlington,													
Boston, Mt. Vernon,	$500.00	$495.19		$402.93	$2,759.17	$341.78	$125.36	$381.18		$85.62			$2,635.48
Cambridge, First,													
" North Avenue,													
Cambridgeport, First,	225.00	25.00	$50.00	228.49	538.90	46.75				25.00			1,728.59
" Pilgrim,		72.43	200.00	92.06	96.83								250.00
Charlestown, First,													
" Winthrop,	425.45	146.75		80.00	1,568.00	370.84	89.16						227.32
Chelsea, Winnisimmet,	669.17	86.46			368.52	201.44	71.38	111.76		6.60			554.68
Revere,	20.79				3.04								
Somerville, East,	221.00	102.00	400.00	20.00	603.00			20.00					
" Winter Hill,													
Waltham.	120.52	150.00	50.00	260.00	212.87	47.26		58.58		34.36			143.70
Total,	$2,181.93	$1,077.83	$700.00	$1 083.50	$6,150.33	$1,008.07	$285.90	$571.52		$151.58			$5,539.77

TAUNTON CONFERENCE. I.

SALARIES, PARISH EXPENSES, AND CHARITIES—TOTALS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Total Charities.	Total Expenses and Charities.
Attleborough. First,	$950.00	$100.00	$1,050.00	$67.38	$1,117.38
Berkley, First,	700.00	50.00	750.00	117.00	867.00
Fall River, First,	2,000 00	† 1,800.00	† 3,800.00	‡ 3,415.95	7,215.95
" " Central,	2,500.00	4,465.00	6,965.00	9,103.23	16,068.23
Freetown, Assonet,	1,000.00	238.00	1,238.00	39.44	1.277.44
Middleborough, North,	1,500.00	275.00	1,775.00	250.60	2,025.60
Norton,				208.03	
Seekonk,	1,400.00	342.14	1,742 14	321.25	2,063.39
Taunton, Trinitarian,	* 2,600.00	6,900.00	9,500.00	2,236.41	11,736.41
Total,	$12,650.00	$14,170.14	$26,820.14	$15,849.89	$42,670.03

* Of which the Senior Pastor receives $600. † About.

‡ Including donation to Robert College, $2,000; and to the Syrian Mission, $100.

TAUNTON CONFERENCE. II.

PUBLIC CHARITIES IN DETAIL.

CHURCHES.	HOME MISSIONS.				CH. BUIL'ING.		FOR'GN MISS.		Seamen's Friend Soc.	Amer. Education Society	CHRIS'N PUBLICA'N.			Miscellaneous.
	A. H. M. S.	A. M. A.	Freedmen.	Other.	Amer. Cong. Union.	Other.	Am. Board.	Papal Lands.			Cong. Pub. Soc.	Bible.	Tract.	
Attleborough, First,		$42.60					*$8.00		$3.84	$3.50	$2.73		$2.65	$4.00
Berkley, First,		15.00	$25.00				57.00		20.00					
Fall River, First,	$77.80	60.71					† 310.19	$97.27		48.10		$80.55		† 641.33
" " Central,	401.00	221.21	1,000.00	$401.26	$317.79	$2,205.00	2,014.65		90.08	200.24		164.00		† 2,088.00
Freetown, Assonet,	4.45	7.65			3.52		11.60		2.15		4.76	3.25	2.06	
Middleborough, North,	40.00	18.25		50.00		52.05	74.30							16.00
Norton,		31.99	16.75				135.07	42.60			14.00	58.22		
Seekonk,	27.50				25.00					25.04				243.71
Taunton, Trinitarian,	290.00	241.00		340.00	97.00		500.00		43.00		90.00			635.41
Total,	$840.75	$638.47	$1,041.75	$791.26	$443.31	$2,257.05	$3,110.81	$139.87	$159.07	$276 88	$111.49	$306.02	$4.71	$3,628.45

* Including donation to the Syrian Mission, $100.

† Under this head are *here* included gifts to *Local Missions*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

The following tables are unique. Their value is apparent, at a glance. They are commended to the careful study of the churches of the county. Are there not sermons in these figures?

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE.

TOWNS AND CHURCHES.	Population 1870.	Denomination.	No. of Members.	Percent of Population.	Each Denom. Churches.	Each Denom. Members.	Each Denom. Percent.	To. Ev. Chhs. Churches.	To. Ev. Chhs. Members.	To. Ev. Chhs. Per cent.	REMARKS.
Adams, North,	12,090	C	293	2.42							
South,		C	122	1.01	2	415	3.43				
North,		B	479	3.96							
South,		B	166	1.37	2	645	5.33				
North,		E	130	1.08							
South,		E	46	.38	2	176	1.46	8	1,643	13.58	
North,		M	345	2.83							
South,		M	60	.53	2	405	3.36				
Becket,	1,346	C	107	7.94	2	163	12.11				
		B	73	5.42	1	73	5.42	3	236	17.53	One Congregational Church in South Conference.
Hinsdale,	1,695	C	214	12.63	1	214	12.63				
		B	57	3.39	1	57	3.39				
		M	25	1.48	1	25	1.48	3	296	17.47	
Dalton,	1,253	C	64	5.11	1	64	5.11				
		M	98	7.82	1	98	7.82	2	162	12.93	
Lanesborough,	1,393	C	40	2.87	1	40	2.87				
		B	25	1.79	1	25	1.79				
		E	61	4.38	1	61	4.38				
		M	47	3.37	1	47	3.37	4	173	12.41	
Peru,	458	C	113	22.61	1	113	22.61	1	113	22.61	
Pittsfield, First,	11,112	C	571	5.14							
Second,		C	27	.24							
South,		C	333	2.95	4	1097	9.87				
		*	166	1.54							
		B	593	5.33	1	593	5.33				
		E	179	1.61	1	179	1.61				
		M	445	4.	1	445	4.	7	2,314	20.81	* German church under care of the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE—*Completed.*

Richmond,	1,091	C	76	6.97	1	76	6.97	1	76	6.97		
Washington,	694	C	34	4.89	1	34	4.89	2	59	8.49		
		M	25	3.6	1	25	3.6					
Williamstown, First,	3,559	C	337	9.47								
South,		C	41	1.14								
College,		C	28	.81	4	426	11.97					
		*	20	.55								
		B	25	.7	1	25	.7	7	576	16.1		
		†										
		M	125	3.45	1	125	3.45					
Windsor,	686	C	21	3.06	1	21	3.06	1	21	3.06		
Cheshire,	1,758	B	121	6.88	1	121	6.88	2	180	10.24		
		M	59	3.36	1	59	3.36					
Florida,	1,322	B	62	4.69	1	62	4.69	1	62	4.69		
Hancock,	882	B	78	8.84	1	78	8.84	1	78	8.84		
New Ashford,	208	M	48	23.07	1	48	23.07	1	48	23.07		
Savoy,	861	B	77	8.94	1	77	8.94	1	77	8.94		
Clarksburg,	686											
Whole territory,	40,745	C			18	2601	6.38					
		B			11	1756	4.31	43	6,051	14.85		
		E			5	416	1.02					
		M			9	1278	3.13					

* White Oaks church, "not a Congregational church," but connected with Congregational Conference.

† Episcopal Mission of North Adams; the members are counted there.

No Congregational church in the town.

No Congregational church in the town.

No Congregational church in the town.

No Congregational church in the town.

No church in the town.

The foreign born (and therefore mostly adult Roman Catholic) population of this portion of the county numbers 11,077.

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Becket, Centre,	1,346	C	56	4.15	2	163	12.11	3	236	17.53	Two churches in North Conference.
Egremont, South,	931	C	122	13.1	1	122	13.1				
North,		B	49	5.26	1	49	5.26	3	236	25.3	The most perfectly evangelized town in the county.
North,		M	65	6.94	1	65	6.94				
Great Barrington,	4,320	C	207	4.78							
Housatonic,		C	90	2.09	2	297	6.87				
		E	121	2.79							
Van Deusenville,		E	42	.98	2	163	3.77	6	596	13.8	
		M	71	1.62							
Housatonic,		M	65	1.53	2	136	3.15				
Lee,	3,866	C	410	10.6	1	410	10.6				
		B	81	2.9	1	81	2.9				
		E	72	1.87	1	72	1.87	4	685	17.68	There are, besides, two stations where regular preaching (Congregational) is had.
		M	125	3.12	1	125	3.12				

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE—*Completed.*

TOWNS AND CHURCHES.	Population 1870.	Denomination.	No. of Members.	Percent of Population.	Each Denom. Churches.	Each Denom. Members.	Each Denom. Percent.	To. Ev. Chhs. Churches.	To. Ev. Chhs. Members.	To. Ev. Chhs. Percent.	REMARKS.
Lenox,	1,965	C	179	9.11	1	179	9.11	3	250	12.54	
		E	43	2.19	1	43	2.19				
		M	28	1.24	1	28	1.24				
Monterey,	653	C	103	15.77	1	103	15.77	1	103	15.77	
New Marlborough,..	2,055	C	108	5.34							
Southfield,		C	39	1.82	3	211	10.27	5	317	15.35	Allowance is made for *increase* in population because of the "set-off" from Sheffield.
Mill River,		C	64	3.11							
Southfield,		B	64	3.11	1	64	3.11				
Hartsville,		M	42	2.04	1	42	2.04				
Otis,	960	C	60	6.04	1	60	6.04	3	71	7.18	No regular service is held in either the Baptist or Episcopal church.
		B	11	1.14	1	11	1.14				
		E									
Sandisfield,	1,482	C	153	10.29	1	153	10.29	3	230	15.48	No service is held in the Episcopal church.
		B	77	5.19	1	77	5.19				
		E									
Sheffield,	2,335	C	137	5.9	1	137	5.9	4	390	16.78	Allowance is made for *decrease* in population because of the "set-off" to New Marlborough.
		E	27	1.16	1	27	1.16				
		M	205	8.78	2	227	9.72				
Ashley's Falls.		M	22	.98							
Stockbridge,	2,003	C	232	11.06	2	287	14.22				
Curtisville,		C	53	3.16							
		E	66	3.29	1	66	3.29	4	406	19.75	
		M	55	2.24	1	55	2.24				
West Stockbridge, ..	1,924	C	102	5.3	2	143	7.43				
		C	41	2.13							
		M	30	1.55	1	30	1.55	3	173	8.98	
Tyringham,	557	B	73	13.1	1	73	13.1	2	101	18.13	No Congregational church in the town.
		M	28	5.03	1	28	5.03				
Alford,	430										No church in the town.
Mount Washington,.	256										No church in the town.
Whole territory,	24,083	C			17	2156	8.95				
		B			6	356	1.47	42	3,592	14.9	
		E			8	371	1.54				
		M			11	710	2.04				The foreign born (and therefore mostly adult Roman Catholic) population of this portion of the county numbers 4606.

CHURCH WORK.

The following is offered as a general form of an ENLISTMENT CARD, designed to assist members of churches in fixing upon forms of Christian usefulness. Two of these cards are given to each church member. He affixes a mark against those forms of service which he elects, returns one of the cards, thus marked, to his pastor, and keeps one as a memorandum. This general form can easily be varied, to suit circumstances. Appropriate passages of scripture are often printed upon the reverse, or borders of these cards, or are used as mottoes at the heads of the several "departments."

DEPARTMENTS OF CHURCH WORK.

I. CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

1. In the family at home.
2. In the Sunday school.
3. In the Branch Sunday school.
4. In families of neglecters.

II. RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

1. For lay preaching — in chapels, school-houses, halls, and in the open air.
2. For prayer and conference.
3. For Bible reading and conversation.
   (a.) The church circle — for promotion of Christian acquaintance and edification.
   (b.) The neighborhood meeting — among neglecters, to *carry* the gospel to those who do not come to receive it.

III. SACRED SONG.

1. In the church choir.
2. In the Sunday school.
3. In the weekly prayer meeting.
4. In neighborhood meetings.
5. In the praise meeting.
6. With the aged, persons confined to the house by ill health, and young children.

IV. CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD.

1. Hospitality.
   (a.) To members of the parish.
   (b.) To strangers coming to live in the parish.
   (c.) To strangers visiting the church.
2. Charitable comfort and relief.
   (a.) In systematic district visitation.
   (b.) In the *Band of Christian Neighbors* — organized for work among neglecters, the suffering, or the criminal.
   (c.) In an independent visitation of the poor.
   (d.) In an independent visitation of the sick.
   (e.) In an independent visitation of neglecters.
   (f.) In an independent visitation of the intemperate.
   (g.) In an independent visitation of prisoners.
   (h.) In an independent visitation of the young.
3. Charitable work.
   (a.) In the sewing circle.
   (b.) In the committee for providing work for persons out of employment.
   (c.) In private.

V. THE HIDDEN SERVICE.

1. Labors wholly private.
2. Labors communicated to the pastor.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE.

1. Membership of committees on collections, statistics, sociables, &c.
2. Young People's Association.
3. Church Temperance Committee, etc., etc.

METHODS IN USE.

In the Minutes for 1872 (pp. 64–70) may be found an account of the plans adopted by the following churches:

Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Rev. George A. Tewksbury.
Church in Monterey, Rev. George W. Kinne.
Church in Townsend, Rev. George H. Morss.
Church in Bradford, Rev. John D. Kingsbury.
First church, Natick, Rev. Francis N. Peloubet.
Church in Wakefield, Rev. Charles R. Bliss.
North church, Lynn, Rev. James M. Whiton.
Eliot church, Boston Highlands, Rev. B. Franklin Hamilton.

To these we now add the following:

THE PILGRIM CHURCH, CAMBRIDGEPORT.

Rev. George R. Leavitt, pastor.

OUR FREE PLAN.

What is a free church?
It is a church without pew rents; in which every man has a right to every seat.
How is it supported?
By free offerings, collected in boxes, morning and afternoon.
How much does it cost to run it?
Enough to pay for pastor, sexton, coal, lights, music, and repairs. The estimate, this year, is $4,400, or about $84 a Sabbath.
How can you be sure that you will come out straight?
We give pledges, to pay so much a week, for the year.
How does one know how much to give?
By asking God, and deciding the value to him of having such a church in the city.
What if the offerings fall short?
We tell the people. They don't fall short.
What are the advantages of a free church?
It kills out aristocracy. It makes giving for the support of worship a religious act.
It interests young and old in the enterprise.
Leaving each man free to pay what he feels able to pay, it is a *people's* church.
Can families sit together, and in the same pew each week?
Yes. Come and see for yourself.

OUR PLAN OF WORK.

Our church has a Committee of Work. It numbers thirty persons, half of them men, half women. This committee has a Chairman and Secretary. It is subdivided into the following smaller Committees:

On Hospitality.
On The Sick.
On Temperance.
On Monthly Concerts.
On Relief.
On Prayer-meetings.

Each of the sub-committees has its chairman and secretary.

The Hospitality Committee has the care of strangers, and of the social life of the church. Under its direction the parish has been divided into thirty-six districts. Canvassers have been appointed to oversee these districts. These persons are expected to report all cases requiring notice to the appropriate committees, through a box in the church vestibule. All the committees report in writing to the General Committee, once in two months. The General Committee reports to the church at the Home Concert. This plan does not, perhaps, work perfectly, but it keeps more than fifty persons actively and constantly busy.

BULLETIN.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Hours of worship, 10 30 A. M. and 3 P. M. Sunday-school, 1 30 P. M. Young men's meeting, 6 P. M. Prayer-meeting, 7 P. M. Monthly concerts, first Sunday in the month. Sunday-school concerts, second Sunday in the month.

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK.

Monday.— Pilgrim Literary Association, every second Monday evening, alternating with the Young People's prayer-meeting, 7 45 P. M.

Tuesday.— Teacher's meeting, 7 45 P. M.

Wednesday.— Neighborhood meeting, 7 45 P. M.

Sewing School, in connection with the Sewing Circle, every other week, 2 P. M.

Maternal meeting, first Wednesday in the month, 3 P. M.

Thursday.— Church Sociables, once in two months, 7 30 P. M.

Monthly meeting of Standing Committee, week following the first Sunday, 7 45 P. M.

Friday.— Church prayer-meeting, 7 45 P. M. Young Ladies' meeting, 7 P. M.

Saturday.— Children's meeting, 2 P. M. Missionary meeting, second Saturday in the month.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

[Names.]

OUR SOCIETY.

We choose our officers once in three months. The present ones are as follows:

[Names.]

APPLETON STREET CHURCH, LOWELL.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOME MISSION CIRCLE, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 23, 1873.

Believing that the last command of the Savior, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is binding upon each believer in him, and that every church has a responsibility for the moral condition of the neighborhood in which it is located, we, the subscribers, do now organize ourselves to do mission work in behalf of the Appleton Street Congregational Church, under the following articles of union:

ARTICLE 1— Its Name. This organization shall be called the Home Mission Circle of the Appleton Street Congregational Church.

ARTICLE 2— Its Object. The object of the Circle is to do systematic mission work within the district for which this church is naturally to be held responsible.

ARTICLE 3— Its Territory. The boundaries of the parish in which the members are to labor shall be fixed as follows: Starting on Central street at its junction with Jackson, up the canal as far as McIntire street, up McIntire to Marshall, up Marshall to Gates, through Gates to Chelmsford, through Chelmsford to Hale, through Hale to Howard, through Howard to Gorham, through Gorham to Moore, through Moore to Lawrence, through Lawrence to Wamesit, through Wamesit to Central, and through Central to point of beginning.

ARTICLE 4— Its Membership. Any person who will agree to engage in mission work may become a member upon signing these articles.

ARTICLE 5—Its Officers. The officers of the Circle shall consist of a Board of Direct ors of seven, to be chosen at the annual meeting. The Board shall elect a President and Secretary from their own number, and thus organized shall administer all its affairs with power to fill all vacancies.

ARTICLE 6—Meetings. The annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Sabbath evening in June, when the annual report shall be presented by the Secretary with such other exercises as the Board may arrange. All other meetings to be at the call of the Board

ARTICLE 7—Reports. Written monthly reports of their labors shall be made by the members to the Secretary, who shall present the substance of the same in the annual report.

ARTICLE 8—Amendments. These articles may be amended at any regular called meeting of the Circle.

BOARD OF OFFICERS, 1873.

——— ———, President. ——— ———, Secretary. ——— ———, Treasurer
——— ———, ——— ———, ——— ———, ——— ———, Directors.
——— ———, Committee on Relief of the Poor.
——— ———, Committee on Tract Distribution.
——— ———, Committee on Visitation of Strangers.
——— ———, Committee on Care for the Sick.
——— ———, Committee on Sabbath School Scholars.

METHODS OF RAISING MONEY.

The churches are gradually learning *better ways* of doing everything. The following statement will explain itself. We have thought best to give it exactly as it was issued. Every detail is likely to be interesting and of use to somebody.

HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Highland Congregational Society, on Monday evening, January 13 it was voted that the following statement be printed and distributed in the congregation

The receipts of the Society from contributions during the year 1872, were $3,500.50 which is $758.80 more than the receipts of 1871, and is a very gratifying increase Received from lectures, &c., $381.78, making our total receipts $3,861.02. All our bills on account of current expenses, are paid, and we have a balance of $4.64 in the treasury We are in debt about $700, which is nearly all pledged.

Our principal expenses have been, pastor's salary, $2,374.98; gas, $100.19; sundries (including curtains, &c.,) $202; sexton, $387; insurance, 267.50, (all of which but $45 was rendered valueless by the great fire); coal, $223; organist, $100.

Our individual subscriptions have ranged in amount from five cents to five dollars a Sabbath, and have been paid with most remarkable regularity and punctuality. A careful revision of our list the past week, excluding those who have moved away, and a few young people who it is not reasonable to expect could pay, *shows less than $15 on the year's subscription uncollected.* We do not believe there is another congregation in the city which in this respect can excel, if there is one that can equal our own, and it seems to us to demonstrate the excellence of our plan of raising the means for the support of the gospel.

Our cash contributions have ranged from $1 to $7 a Sabbath, averaging about $4.50 Before the boxes were passed we received for the year, from this source, only $24.48.

Our number of subscribers is one hundred and twenty-eight, a slight increase over last year.

While our plan has worked so well, we feel the need of extending it more thoroughly through the congregation in order to raise means sufficient to meet our expenses. We wish every one attending church here to realize that upon him or her rests, *according to his or her individual ability*, the duty of sustaining the means of grace here. If we fail

(and we do not believe we shall,) it will be because *the people who can give only small sums* do not give them, and not because those who can give large sums withhold them. We want only a *slight increase on our individual subscriptions* to give us all the money we need. Cannot those who give twenty cents, give twenty-five; those who give thirty or forty cents, give fifty? Let each ask him or herself how much, in acknowledgment of God's goodness, I ought to give, and act accordingly.

Again, there are a great many, especially among the young people, who attend church here, who do not give anything. We are glad to see them here. We want them to be *identified personally* with this religious enterprise — to feel that it is their religious home. Therefore we want them to *give something*. If each one can give ten cents a week, give that; if twenty, give that; if fifty, give that; if but *one*, don't be ashamed to give that. Let your name appear as one of the supporters of the gospel here, and that fact will do you good and help the society.

Will you in accordance with these suggestions, fill up the following blank, cut it off, and return it next Sabbath as the boxes are passed. Envelopes will be prepared and ready for you on the following Sabbath. Please state name and residence in full. We hope to receive an increase of many of our present subscriptions, and many new ones.

Recognizing the goodness and mercy of God towards me, I hereby pledge the following sum towards the support of his church in this place.

Name,.....

Residence,.....

Amount, (each week,).....

WINNISIMMET CHURCH, CHELSEA.

PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

This plan is based in the main on these principles:

1. That giving is an act of worship. "Honor the Lord with thy substance." Prov. iii, 9. "Bring an offering and come into his courts." Ps. xcv, 8.

2. That giving should be from principle rather than from impulse, out of love to the Lord Jesus and a sense of God's ownership in us and ours. "See that ye abound in this grace also." II Cor. viii, 7. "Ye have done it unto me." Matt. xxv, 40. "Give an account of thy stewardship." Luke, xvi, 2.

3. That giving should be systematic. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." I Cor. xvi, 2.

Believing that these principles are in the best, if not the only way, subserved by incorporating an act of offering among the regular services of the Lord's house, the Church has adopted the following plan of benevolence for the year:

1. A weekly offering will be taken up every Sabbath afternoon.
2. The offerings will be divided once a quarter on the following scale:

Foreign Missions, (including work in papal lands)	30 percent.
Home Missions	20 "
American Missionary Association	15 "
Church Building, (Congregational Union)	10 "
Contingent Fund	10 "
City Poor	5 "
Seamen's Friend Society	5 "
Education Society	5 "

3. Any individual may give to any specific object by indicating his wish on a memorandum attached to his gift.

4. The collections for the church fund are to be taken up specifically on the six communion Sabbaths.

5. Specific objects, not exceeding four in the year, may be presented to the congregation for direct contribution, if the emergency demands.

It is warmly recommended to all in the congregation to systematize their giving and make it as fairly proportionate to the week's income as may be; also, if possible, that all should, each Sabbath, give something, even though it be necessarily but the widow's mite, in token of their grateful remembrance of the Lord's mercies through the week.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Much that is contained in the following extracts from a pastoral letter might be addressed with nearly equal appropriateness to many of our churches.

This is a fit time to review our progress and to gird ourselves for a fresh advance. More and better work has been accomplished by our church the past year than in any year before. About eighty-three percent of the members of the church engaged in the plan of work which was proposed last year. And of the whole number of persons who engaged, about thirty-nine percent were not members of the church. The engaging of so many noncommunicants in Christian work I am glad to view as an acknowledgment that Christian duties rest on all alike, whatever profession be made or omitted.

Accompanying this you will find a condensed exhibit of our work during the year, which, I trust, will encourage us to endeavor for a still better report a year hence.

Christ meant the church to be a *cooperative society*. It is qualified for this, because every one is fitted to do at least some one thing well, and all are enjoined "by love to serve one another." The church was planned to be the most many-sided society in the world. The condition of this is, simply, that all the weakest shall each put his one talent to interest. Do not then say, as many did last year, "I will do all I can, but excuse me from definite specifications." Rather choose out the one thing which you are surest that you can ordinarily do well, and put that down as your quota toward the general work. This definite response will not only be highly appreciated by your pastor as a sign of your cordial good will, but will also result in better things for our work. Definite aim is always needed to hit any mark at all.

May I not hope, therefore, for a favorable response *from all* to the proposals for this year's work which I inclose? Especially, I trust that the young people and children will not be backward in evincing their interest, by contributing each their mite, or more, of cooperation. Where more than one of the work-programmes is inclosed to one address, it is in the hope that more than one in the family will respond.

I have placed in special prominence this year these two new objects: 1. *A Reading-Room in our Church Parlor*, to be open every evening, and on the Sabbath except during hours of worship. This has been enough talked about, and it is time to vote upon it. 2. *The City Mission*. This latter, which is doing a vast deal of good in a most unobtrusive and judicious way, wants $100 from our church this year. To carry on the former would require about $250 a year. A few days hence I expect to know very accurately, by the returns made, just what you think of these two things in particular.

Our church has already gained an honorable name in the Christian community by its diligence. Let us remember the Master's word, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

But let us not be so ambitious for our church, as zealous for the good of those around us, and for the glory of our Master. "Whatsoever ye do, do it *heartily, as unto the Lord.*" Only when we begin, like the ancient churches of Macedonia, first by giving our own selves to Christ, will our faith work by love, and make our offering, whether of work or of worship, a sweet savor to him we serve.

Let us, then, all together "press toward the mark." "The night cometh."

I am your fellow servant in the Gospel.

THE PASTOR AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

An extract from a private letter of Rev. NAHUM GALE, D. D., Lee, Mass:

I am impressed with the importance of direct efforts by the Pastor to instruct children and youth in relation to personal religion, and to bring them to an early decision for Christ. This cannot ordinarily be left to Sabbath school teachers, certainly not in the country parishes. Last year, impressed with this thought, I had special meetings for girls and boys, separately, and went through with lessons (with printed questions) on personal piety, its nature, evidences, &c., making our meetings as spiritual as possible. The result was good.

Quite a number began the Christian life. From these and other efforts by the teachers and parents, we had the pleasure of receiving to our church a number of quite young persons, some not more than twelve years old. The average age of *eight* was *fourteen* years. During the same time, we buried *eight* aged believers, whose average age was *eighty* years. "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children."

The Church greatly rejoices in this Christian culture. A number of about the same age will soon make a profession of religion. It is my purpose to continue these pastoral efforts, believing that they are the proper means of winning souls to Christ. We have had during all the year past none of the usual signs of revival.

The "printed questions" of which Dr. Gale here speaks, were embraced in a series of five papers, each containing from twenty-five to thirty "questions for self-examination." The subjects were as follows: I. LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST. II. THE NEW HEART. III. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. IV. SCRIPTURE TRUTHS. V. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

LAY HELPERS.

It is expected that the labors of pastors will hereafter be supplemented in some cases by that of "*lay helpers*"—men and women. These labors may be of various kinds, ranging from those of the "missionary visitor" among the poor, to those of the regularly approbated "lay preacher and helper." We have put on record, as a matter of general interest, a vote of approbation adopted last November, by the Suffolk West Association. It is as follows:

Whereas, our beloved brother, Harrison Prescott, has been approved of God, in various Christian labors to the conversion of souls, and also in encouraging and aiding numerous feeble churches in obtaining ministers;

And whereas, this Association heartily rejoices in the past success of our brother, and desires to do all that it can to assist him in the future: therefore,

Be it known to all to whom this paper may come, that the Suffolk West Association has, on this 12th day of November, 1872, unanimously approved of Mr. HARRISON PRESCOTT, as a LAY PREACHER AND HELPER; and commends him in this capacity and as a Christian brother, beloved, to the confidence of the churches.

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THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

The names of ministers officiating with the churches will be found in the tabular reports of the churches, in the several counties referred to in each Conference.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JUNE 8, 1859.

Churches:

Andover, South church, Essex Co.,
" West church, " "
" Free Christian church, " "
" Ballardvale, Union ch., " "
" Theolog. Seminary ch., " "
Chelmsford, Second church, Middlesex Co.,
Dracut, 1st church, " "
" Pawtucket church, " "
" Central church, " "
Lawrence, Lawrence St. Cong. ch., Essex Co.,
" Central Cong. ch., " "
Lawrence Eliot Cong. church, Essex Co.,
" South Cong. church, " "
Lowell, First church, Middlesex Co.,
" Appleton Street ch., " "
" John Street church, " "
" Kirk Street church, " "
" High Street church, " "
Methuen, 1st church, Essex Co.,
North Andover, " "
Tewsbury, Middlesex Co.,
Tyngsborough, " —22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in October. James G. Buttrick, Lowell, Secretary and Treasurer for three years. A Moderator is chosen at each meeting.

II. BARNSTABLE, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 28, 1828.

Churches,— all the churches in Barnstable and Nantucket counties.—22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday of June, and first Tuesday of December. Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, Scribe.

III. BERKSHIRE NORTH, ORGANIZED DECEMBER 8, 1867.

Churches,— all of which are in Berkshire County, except Middlefield:

Adams, North,
" South,
Becket, North,
Dalton,
Hinsdale,
Lanesborough,
Middlefield, Hampshire Co.,
Peru,
Pittsfield, First church,
Pittsfield, Second church,
" South church,
Richmond,
Washington,
Williamstown, First church,
" College church,
" 2d church, South.
Windsor.—17.

The Union church at White Oaks, in Williamstown, also belongs to the Conference.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in May and November.

Rev. Charles E. Stebbins, South Adams, President; Rev. Thomas Crowther, Pittsfield, Scribe.

IV. Berkshire South, Organized September 4, 1860.

Churches,—all of which are in Berkshire County:

Becket, Centre,
Egremont, South,
Great Barrington,
" " Housatonic,
Lee,
Lenox,
Monterey,
New Marlborough, First church,
" " Southfield,
New Marlborough, Mill River,
Otis,
Sandisfield,
Sheffield,
Stockbridge,
" Curtisville,
West Stockbridge,
" " Centre.—17.

Conference holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday of November; its other meetings at the call of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Evarts Scudder, Great Barrington, Moderator; Henry Dutcher, Sheffield, Scribe; the Moderator, Rev. Francis H. Boynton, and Dea. Edwin McLain, Executive Committee.

V. Brookfield Associational, Organized June 13, 1821.

Churches,—all of which are in Worcester County, except those noted otherwise:

Barre,
Brimfield, Hampden Co.,
Brookfield,
Charlton,
Dana,
Dudley,
Hardwick,
" Gilbertville,
Holland, Hampden Co.,
New Braintree,
North Brookfield, First church,
North Brookfield, Union ch.,
Oakham,
Southbridge,
Spencer,
Sturbridge,
Ware, First church, Hampshire Co.,
" East, " "
Warren,
" West,
West Brookfield.—21.

Conference meets annually on the second Tuesday in June, at 10 a. m.

Rev. Samuel J. Austin, Warren, Moderator; Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe.

VI. Essex North, Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches,—all of which are in Essex County:

Amesbury, West,
" Mills,
" and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch.,
Boxford, West,
Bradford, First church,
Georgetown, First church,
Groveland,
Haverhill, West Parish,
" East Parish,
" Centre,
" " North church,
Ipswich, First chu rch,
Ipswich and Rowley, Linebrook,
Newbury, First church,
" Byfield,
Newburyport, North church,
" Fourth church,
" Belleville,
" Whitefield church,
Rowley,
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,
West Newbury, First church,
" " Second church,—23.

Two Presbyterian churches, in Newburyport, are also members of the Conference.

Conference meets (annually) on the second Tuesday in May; semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday in October.

Rev. E. W. Allen, Haverhill, Moderator; Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Bradford, Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches,—all of which are in Essex County:

Beverly, Second church, North,
" Dane Street church,
" Washington Street church,
Boxford,
Danvers, Centre,
" Maple Street church,
Essex,
Georgetown, Memorial church,
Gloucester, West,
" Harbor,
" Lanesville,
Hamilton,
Ipswich, South Church,
Lynn, First church,
" Central church,
" Chestnut Street church,
Lynn, North Congregational church,
Lynnfield, Centre,
" Second church,
Manchester, Orthodox church,
Marblehead, First church,
" Third church,
Middleton,
Peabody,
Rockport, First church.
Salem, Tabernacle church.
" South church.
" Crombie Street church,
Saugus,
Swampscott,
Topsfield,
Wenham.—32.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in May, and second Wednesday in October.
Rev. Webster Patterson, Lynn, Clerk.

VIII. Franklin, Organized October 10, 1843.

Churches,—all the churches in Franklin County, except Heath, Leverett, Miller's Falls in Montague, New Salem, North Orange, and Whately.—24.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in September, 1873, at Ashfield.
Hon. R. H. Leavitt, East Charlemont, President; Rev. A. F. Marsh, Shelburne, Vice-President; Rev. Edward Norton, Montague, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. A. G. Loomis, Greenfield, Statistical Secretary.

IX. Hampden, Organized December 4, 1850.

Churches,—all of which are in Hampden County, except as mentioned:

Agawam, Feeding Hills,
" Congregational church,
Blandford,
Chester, Centre, First church,
" Depot, Second church,
Chicopee, First church,
" Second church,
" Third church,
Granville, East,
" West,
Holyoke, First church.
" Second church,
Longmeadow,
" East,
Ludlow,
Monson,
Palmer, First church,
Palmer, Second church, Depot,
South Hadley, First church, Hampshire Co.
Southwick,
Springfield, First church,
" Olivet church,
" South church,
" North church,
" Indian Orchard,
" Sanford Street church,
Tolland,
Westfield, First church,
" Second church,
West Springfield,
" " Mittineague,
" " Park street,
Wilbraham,
" South.—34.

Also; Springfield, Memorial church (Union.)

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.
Rev. John L. R. Trask, Holyoke, Moderator; Rev. John W. Harding, Longmeadow, Scribe.

X. Hampshire, Organized February , 1865.

Churches,—all of which are in Hampshire County:

Chesterfield,
Cummington, East,
" West,
Easthampton, First church,
" Payson church,
Goshen,
Huntington, First church,
" Second church,
Northampton, First church,
Northampton, Edwards church,
" Florence church,
Plainfield,
Southampton,
Westhampton,
Williamsburg, First church,
" Haydenville,
Worthington.—17.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April, and first Tuesday in November.
Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe.

XI. Hampshire East, Organized November 13, 1860.

Churches,—all of which are in Hampshire County, except as below:

Amherst, First church,
" Second church, East street,
" Church of South,
" College church,
" North church, North,
Belchertown,
Enfield,
Granby,
Greenwich,
Hadley, First church,
" Second church,
" Russell church,
Leverett, Franklin County,
Pelham, Packardville, Union church,
Prescott,
South Hadley,
" " Falls,
Whately, Franklin County.—18.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April, and on the third Tuesday in October.
George Montague, Amherst, Permanent Clerk.

XII. Mendon, Organized April 27, 1858.

Churches,—all of which are in Norfolk County, except as below:

Foxborough,
Franklin, North,
" South,
Mansfield, Bristol County,
Medfield,
Medway, First church, East,
Medway, Second church, West,
" Village church,
Milford, Worcester County,
Norfolk,
Walpole,
Wrentham.—12.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday of April and October.
Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe and Treasurer.

XIII. Middlesex South, Organized August 20, 1828.

Churches;

Ashland, Middlesex County,
Concord, " "
Dover, Norfolk County,
Framingham, Plymouth ch., Middlesex Co.,
" Saxonville, " "
" South, " "
Holliston, " "
Hopkinton, " "
Lincoln, " "
Marlborough, " "
Maynard, Middlesex County,
Natick, " "
" South, " "
Needham, Wellesley, Norfolk County,
Sherborn, Middlesex County,
Southborough, Worcester County,
" Southville, " "
Sudbury, Middlesex County,
Wayland, " " —19.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIV. Middlesex Union, Organized May 8, 1833.

Churches:

Acton, Middlesex County,
Ashby, " "
Ayer, " "
Boxborough, " "
Dunstable, " "
Fitchburg, Calvinistic ch., Worcester Co,
" Rollstone ch., " "
Groton, Middlesex County,
Harvard, Worcester County,
Lancaster, Worcester County,
Leominster, " "
Littleton, Middlesex County,
Lunenburg, Worcester County,
Pepperell, Middlesex County,
Shirley, " "
Townsend, " "
Westford, " " —17.

Conference meets in April, and at Ashby October 28-29, 1873.
Rev. William J. Batt, Leominster, President; Rev. Geo. H. Morss, Townsend, Secretary.

XV. Norfolk, Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches:

Abington, First church, Plymouth Co.,
" Second ch., South, " "
" Third ch., East, " "
" Fourth ch., North, " "
Braintree, First ch., Norfolk County,
" South church, " "
Bridgewater, Central Square ch.,— Plymouth County,
Canton, Norfolk County,
Cohasset, Evan. church, " "
" Beechwood, " "
East Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Easton, Bristol County,
Hingham, Plymouth County,
Holbrook, Second church, Norfolk County,
" Winthrop church, " "
Milton, First church, " "
Milton, Second ch., Railway, Norfolk Co.,
North Bridgewater, First ch., Plymouth Co.,
" " South ch., Campello,— Plymouth Co.,
" " Porter Ev. ch., " "
Quincy, Norfolk County,
Randolph, First church, " "
Sharon, " "
Stoughton, " "
Weymouth, First church, " "
" Second ch., South, " "
" Landing, " "
" Union ch., South, " "
" Pilgrim ch., North, " "
" East, " "
" Lovell's Corner, " "—31.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May, and last Tuesday in September.
Rev. George F. Stanton, South Weymouth, Scribe.

XVI. Old Colony, Organized September 23, 1856.

Churches:

Dartmouth, South, Bristol County,
Fairhaven, " "
Marion, Plymouth County,
Mattapoisett, " "
Middleborough, First ch., " "
" Central ch., " "
New Bedford, First church, Bristol County,
New Bedford, North ch., Bristol County
" " Trin. church, " "
" " Pacific church, " "
Rochester, Centre, Plymouth County,
" North, " "
Wareham, " "
Westport, Bristol County.— 14.

The churches on Martha's Vineyard, viz.,
Chilmark, Dukes County,
Edgartown, " "
Tisbury, " "
also group themselves with this Conference for representation.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. Hartford P. Leonard, Westport, Scribe.

XVII. Pilgrim, Organized April 27, 1880.

Churches,—all of which are in Plymouth County:

Carver, North,
Duxbury, Wesleyan Cong. church,
Halifax,
Hanover, First church,
" Second church, Four Corners,
Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First church,
Marshfield, Second church, East,
Plymouth, Second church, South,
" Church of the Pilgrimage,
" Fourth church, Chiltonville,
" Fifth church, "
Plympton,
Scituate, North.—15.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday (and Wednesday) in April and October.

Rev. James C. Seagrave, East Marshfield, Moderator; Rev. William H. Cobb, Chiltonville, Scribe and Treasurer.

XVIII. Suffolk North, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches,—Boston, Chelsea, and Revere, in Suffolk County; the others in Middlesex County:

Arlington,
Boston, Old South church.
" Salem and Mariners' church,
" Maverick church, East,
" Mount Vernon church,
" Chambers Street church,
Cambridge, First church,
" Port, First church,
" East,
" North Avenue,
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim church,
Charlestown, First church,
" Winthrop church,
Chelsea, Winnisimmet church,
" Central church,
Everett,
Revere,
Somerville, First church, East,
" Broadway Orth. ch., Winter Hill,
Waltham.—20.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in April and October.

Capt. A. Bartlett, Boston, Moderator; S. N. Watson, 33 John Street, Boston, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIX. Suffolk South, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches:

Belmont, Waverley, Middlesex County,
Boston, Dorchester, Second ch., Suffolk Co.,
" Park Street church, " "
" Union church, " "
" South, Phillips church, " "
" Berkeley Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Village ch., " "
" Highlands, Eliot church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Shawmut church, " "
" Highlands, Vine St. ch, " "
" Neponset, Trin. church, " "
" South, E Street church, " "
" Dorchester, Cottage St. ch., " "
" Highland church, " "
" Highlands, Walnut Av. ch., " "
" " Holland church, " "
Brighton, Middlesex County,
Brookline, Harvard church, Norfolk Co.,
Dedham, First church, " "
Hyde Park, " "
Needham, Grantville, " "
Newton, First Church, Middlesex Co.,
" Second church, " "
" Eliot church, " "
" Auburndale, " "
" North church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Highlands church, " "
Norwood, Norfolk County,
Watertown, Middlesex County,
West Roxbury, South Ev. ch., Norfolk Co.,
" " Jamaica Plain, " "
—33.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in April and October.

Rev. Henry J. Patrick, West Newton, Secretary; J. Russell Bradford, Boston, Treasurer.

XX. Taunton and Vicinity, Organized October 2, 1849.

Churches,—all of which are in Bristol County, except as below:

Attleborough, East,
" West,
Berkley, First church,
" Trin. Congregational church,
Bridgewater, Scotland parish, Plymouth Co.,
Dighton,
Fall River, First church,
" Central church,
Freetown, Assonet,
Lakeville, Plymouth County,
Middleborough, North, " "
Norton,
Raynham,
Rehoboth,
Seekonk,
Somerset,
Taunton, East,
" Trin. Cong. church,
" West,
" Winslow church,
" Union ch., Whittenton.—21.

Conference meets annually on the Tuesday (and Wednesday) following the Bristol County Cattle Show.

Rev. Henry L. Edwards, North Middleborough, Chairman; Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., Taunton, Scribe.

XXI. Woburn, Organized December 5, 1849.

Churches,—all of which are in Middlesex County:

Bedford,
Billerica,
Burlington,
Carlisle,
Lexington,
Malden,
Medford, First church,
" Second church,
" West,
Melrose,
North Reading,
Reading, Old South Church,
" Bethesda church,
Stoneham,
Wakefield,
Wilmington,
Winchester,
Woburn, First church,
" North.—19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and October.

Dea. S. E. Parker, Reading, Moderator; Rev. Edward Chase, Bedford, Scribe.

XXII. Worcester Central, Organized April 28, 1852.

Churches,—all of which are in Worcester County:

Auburn,
Berlin,
Boylston,
Clinton,
Holden,
Leicester,
Northborough,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Princeton,
Rutland,
Shrewsbury,
Sterling,
West Boylston,
Worcester, First church,
" Calvinist church,
" Union church,
" Salem Street church,
" Mission Chapel church,
" Plymouth church,
" Piedmont church.—21.

Conference meets on the Wednesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Wednesday following the third Monday in October.

Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Leicester, Scribe.

XXIII. Worcester North, Organized November 24, 1827.

Churches,— all of which are in Worcester County, except as below:

Ashburnham, First church,
" Second church,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, Franklin County,
Orange, North, " "
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First church,
" Second church,
Templeton,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First church,
" North.— 15.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in June, and fourth Tuesday in October.
Ira Kendall, Athol, Moderator; Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, Clerk.

XXIV. Worcester South, Organized June 17, 1828.

Churches,— all of which are in Worcester County:

Blackstone,
Douglas,
" East,
Grafton,
" Saundersville,
Millbury, First church,
" Second church,
Northbridge,
" Whitinsville,
Sutton,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Westborough.— 14.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and October.
Rev. William T. Briggs, East Douglas, Scribe; William R. Hill, Wilkinsonville, Treas.

During the year, there has been no change in the number or names of the Conferences.

The following churches are not reported as connected with any Conference:

Franklin County,— Heath, and Miller's Falls in Montague.
Hampden County,— Ludlow Mills, and Montgomery.
Hampshire County,— Hatfield, and Pelham.
Middlesex County,— Chapel church, Cambridgeport.
Norfolk County,— Evangelical church in Needham.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JULY 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment
Smith Baker, Jr.,	1860, July 30.	1871, Dec. 5.	Lowell.	Pastor.
Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13.	1871, Oct. 3.	Lowell.	"
Spencer F. Beard,	1829, Jan. 14.	1859, Jan.	Andover.	Retired.
Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Oct. 18.	West Dracut.	Pastor.
Benjamin F. Clark,	1839, Aug. 1.	1840, June 13.	N. Chelmsford.	W. C.
Caleb E. Fisher,	1843, Aug. 23.	1855, Dec. 11.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1853, Feb.	Lowell.	"
S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29.	1871, Dec. 5.	Tewksbury.	"
Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31.	1868, Feb. 11.	Methuen.	"
Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27.	1855, Dec. 11.	Ballardvale.	"
John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20.	1871, June 28.	Lowell.	"
Charles M. Mead,	1866, Aug. 10.	1867, Oct. 9.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26.	1856, June 9.	Andover.	Pastor.
Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6.	1872, Feb. 6.	Lawrence.	"
William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13.	1867, Dec. 10.	Lawrence.	"
Austin Phelps, D. D.,	1842, Mar. 30.	1866, April 10.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 20.	1871, Dec. 5.	N. Chelmsford.	Pastor.
Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10.	1862, April 8.	Andover.	"
Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3.	1857, Dec. 8.	Lowell.	"
John L. Taylor, D. D.,	1839, July 18.	1839, Oct. 1.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Worcester Willey,	1844, Oct. 3.	1872, Oct. 15.	Andover.	W. C.
George F. Wright,	1863, Aug. 26.	1872, Oct. 15.	Andover.	A. P.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
L. Payson Broad,	1872, June 15.	Samuel Ollcrenshaw,	1871, June 6.
Charles H. Brooks,	1872, June 15.	Frederick Palmer,	1872, June 26.
Charles F. Dole,	1871, June 28.	M. Stuart Phelps,	1871, June 6.
Joseph E. Fiske,	1866, Dec. 11.	George H. Scott,	1871, June 6.
William S. Howland,	1872, June 15.	Edward G. Selden,	1872, June 15.
E. Winthrop Jenney,	1872, June 15.	Joel M. Seymour,	1872, June 15
Henry Ketchum,	1871, June 6.	Roderic Terry,	1872, June 15.
George W. Kinne,	1870, July 5.	George H. Tilton,	1872, June 15.
William A. Lamb,	1872, June 15.	Anson P. Tinker,	1871, June 6.
Horace H. Leavitt,	1872, June 15.	Charles A. White,	1872, June 15
Albert Livermore,	1872, June 15.	John H. Williams,	1872, June 15.
George E. Lovejoy,	1871, October 3.	Robert M. Woods,	1871, June 6.
George L. Nims,	1869, October 19.	Newell S. Wright,	1872, June 15.

TIMES OF MEETING.—First Tuesday in February, June, October, and December.
Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Lowell, Scribe.

II. Berkshire North, Organized October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward O. Bartlett,	1863, Sept. 14.	1873, June 2.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.
John Bascom, LL. D.,	1859, Dec.	1861, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.
Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6.	1872, Mar. 4.	Dalton.	Pastor.
Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6.	1872, June 3.	Pittsfield.	"
J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9.	1867, June 3.	Becket.	A. P.
Calvin Durfee, D. D.,	1828, Apr. 23.	1855, Nov. 5.	Williamstown.	
Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1867, Sept. 10.	1867, Dec. 2.	Hinsdale.	Pastor.
Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20.	1870, Dec. 12.	Peru.	Pastor.
Nathaniel H. Griffin, D. D.,	1839, June.	1853, May 2.	Williamstown.	Coll. Lib'n.
Samuel Harrison,	1850, Aug. 13.	1852.	Pittsfield.	A. P.
Mark Hopkins, D. D., LL. D ,	1836, Sept. 15.	1853, May 2.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.
Sardis B. Morley,	1851, July 9.	1859, Oct. 31.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
Benjamin Ober,	1834, Jan. 1.	1872, June 3.	Petersham.	A. P.
Charles M. Pierce,	1863, Sept. 2.	1869, Sept. 6.	Middlefield.	Pastor.
Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27.	1872, Mar. 4.	North Adams.	Pastor.
Charles V. Spear,	1852, Oct.	1859, Apr. 25.	Pittsfield.	Teacher.
Charles E. Stebbins,	1850, Dec. 14.	1870, Dec. 12.	South Adams.	A. P.
John Tatlock, LL. D ,	1852, Oct. 14.	1852, May 2.	Pittsfield.	Attorney.
John Todd, D. D.,	1827, Jan. 1.	1852, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.

Licentiate.—George A. Ford, one year from March 3, 1873.

Times of Meeting.—First Monday in March, June, September, and December.
Rev. Ephraim Flint, D. D., Hinsdale, Scribe and Treasurer.

III. Berkshire South, Organized October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20.	1873, Apr. 28.	Mill River.	Pastor.
Charles F. Bradley,	1860, Aug. 18.	1868, Aug. 3.	South Lee.	A. P.
George T. Dole,	1842, Oct. 6.	1865, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Eggleston,	1845, Feb. 19.	1861, Apr. 30.	*Enfield, Conn.*	A. P.
Samuel R. Free,	1860, Apr. 11.	1873, Apr. 28.	Southfield.	Pastor.
Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22.	1854, Apr. 17.	Lee.	Pastor.
Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23.	1870, May 2.	N. Marlborough.	Pastor.
Edward J. Giddings,	1857, Oct. 19.	1863, Jan. 27.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Edward W. Hooker, D. D.,	1821, Aug. 15.	1872, Jan. 29.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
E. Cornelius Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11.	1870, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	Pastor.
Amos E. Lawrence,	1848, June 25.	1868, Apr. 27.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29.	1870, July 25.	Sheffield.	Pastor.
Charles C. C. Painter,	1863, Sept. 22.	1863, Oct. 27.	Hartsville.	W. C.
Lewis Pennell,	1833, Sept. 17.	1855, Jan. 28.	W. Stockbridge Centre.	Pastor Em.
Winthrop H. Phelps,	1848, Feb. 9.	1852, Oct. 14.	South Egremont.	W. C.
Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1.	1860, Apr. 26.	Great Barrington.	Pastor.
Horace S. Shapleigh,	1869, Dec. 8.	1870, Jan. 31.		
Samuel H. Tolman,	1856, Aug. 14.	1872, Apr. 29.	Lenox.	Pastor.
George T. Washburn,	1859, Mar. 22.	1859, July 25.	*Madura, India.*	Missionary.

Licentiate.	Approbated.	Licentiate.	Approbated.
William J. Bartlett,	1871, Aug. 7.	Benjamin F. Parsons,	1872, July 30.

Times of Meeting.—Last Monday in January, April, July, and October.
Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

IV. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1857.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25.	1869, Jan. 12.	Warren.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9.	1869, Jan. 12.	Holland.	"
M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1.	1871, July 6.	Brimfield.	"
William B. Bond,	1840, May 18.	1873, Apr. 16.	New Braintree.	"
Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6.	1871, Apr. 11.	Gilbertville.	"
Richard B. Bull,	1855, Mar. 13.	1871, July 6.	W. Brookfield.	"
Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, July 26.	1868, Oct. 13.	N. Brookfield.	"
John Haven,	1830, Dec. 14.	1851, June 10.	Charlton.	"
Elbridge W. Merritt,	1873, June 5.	1873, Apr. 16.	Hardwick.	"
Alpha Morton,	1844, Feb. 13.	1873, Jan. 14.	Oakham.	"
Ariel E. P. Perkins, D. D.,	1844, Sept. 18.	1856, Jan. 1.	Ware.	"
Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7.	1863, Sept. 13.	Sturbridge.	"
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1869, Oct. 13.	Barre.	"
William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16.	1862, Sept. 30.	Ware.	"
Franke A. Warfield,	1871, Jan. 11.	1871, Oct. 11.	Greenfield.	"

Licentiate.	Approbated.
George C. Travis,	Oct. 9, 1872, for one year.

Times of Meeting.—Second Tuesday in January, June, and October, and the first Tuesday in July.

Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

V. Cape Cod, Organized October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Beard,	1867, Nov. 20.	1870, Jan. 17.	*Wilton, Me.*	A. P.
David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29.	1865, Apr. 18.	Abington.	A. P.
Joseph B. Clark, .	1861, Oct. 10.	1862, Nov. 11.	Jamaica Plain.	Pastor.
Nathaniel Cogswell,	1822, Aug. 24.	1836, June.	Yarmouth Port.	W. C.
Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24.	1873, Apr. 15.	Falmouth.	Pastor.
John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6.	1869, May 7.	Yarmouth.	Pastor.
Samuel Fairley,	1850.	1869, Apr. 20.	Wellfleet.	
Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29.	1871, Jan. 31.	Westborough.	W. C.
Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20.	1862, Nov. 11.	West Barnstable.	Pastor.
Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7.	1871, Oct. 17.	Orleans.	"
William Leonard,	1844, July 7.	1871, Apr. 18.	South Wellfleet.	A. P.
Joseph R. Munsell,	1831, Oct.	1861, April.	*Vermont.*	
Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26.	1850, April.	Truro.	Pastor.
Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May.	1872, Apr. 16.	Sandwich.	"
David Perry,	1828, May.	1873, Apr. 15.	East Falmouth.	A. P.
Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22.	1870, Jan. 17.	North Falmouth.	A. P.
William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 9.	1870, Apr. 19.	South Dennis.	Pastor.
Edwin Seabury,	1840, June 18.	1865, Apr. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Harvey M. Stone,	1848, Nov. 2.	1865, April.	*Rochester, N. H.*	Pastor.
Christopher J. Switzer,	1867, Jan. 10.	1867, Apr. 16.		
Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19.	1873, Apr. 15.	Hyannis.	A. P.
Bradish C. Ward,	1860, Apr. 8.	1873, Apr. 15.	Harwich.	A. P.
John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28.	1866, April.	Upton.	Pastor.

Licentiates—None.

Times of Meeting.—Third Tuesday in January, April, and October.

Rev. Edward W. Noble, Truro, Moderator; Rev. William C. Reed, South Dennis Secretary.

VI. Essex North, Organized September —,

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17.	1868, Sept. 8.	West Haverhill.	Pastor.
Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14.	1870, Apr. 19.	Rowley.	"
Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 5.	1872, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	"
Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30.	1838, Feb. 28.	Newburyport.	"
John P. Cowles,	1833, June 18.	1844, Aug.	Ipswich.	Teacher.
[Charles S. Durfee,	1869, Sept. 8.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	Pas. *Pres.*]
Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18.	1847, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Omar W. Folsom,	1872, Oct. 31.	1873, Apr. 15.	Newbury.	"
Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15.	1868, Dec. 15.	West Amesbury.	"
Charles M. Hyde, D. D.,	1862, Oct. 19.	1871, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	"
John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24.	1866, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	"
Nathaniel Lasell,	1835.	1872, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	A. P.
John C. Paine,	1838, June 6.	1871, Feb. 21.	Groveland.	Pastor.
Calvin E. Park,	1838, Oct. 31.	1847, Feb. 24.	West Boxford.	Teacher.
John Pike, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1842, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
James Powell,	1809, Nov. 24.	1870, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	
Raymond H. Seeley, D. D.,	1843, July 5.	1862, Apr. 15.	Haverhill.	Pastor.
Egbert C. Smythe, D. D.,	1856, July 22.	1867, Apr. 16.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Samuel J. Spalding, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 26.	1852, Apr. 28.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30.	1855, June 20.	North Woburn.	A. P.
Leonard Withington, D. D.,	1816, Oct. 31.	1817, June 10.	Newbury.	Sen. P.

Licentiate.—S. L. B. Speare, Chaplain of Mass. State Prison, Approbated Feb. 18, 1873.

Times of Meeting.—Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, D. D., Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., Newburyport, Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized September 3, 1717.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3.	1869, June 8.	Peabody.	Pastor.
Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23.	1864, Dec. 6.	Salem.	"
James Brand,	1869, Oct. 6.	1870, Feb. 1.	Danvers.	"
Dana Clayes,	1821, July 4.	1862, June 3.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Joshua Coit,	1860, Nov. 13.	1872, Feb. 6.	Salem.	Sec. Pris. Com.
Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29.	1868, Apr. 7.	Salem.	Pastor.
Oliver P. Emerson,	1871, Sept. 13.	1871, Dec. 5.	Lynnfield Centre.	
James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2.	1871, Dec. 5.	Topsfield.	Pastor
Wakefield Gale,	1826, May 17.		Easthampton.	W. C.
Eli W. Harrington,	1837, Apr. 26.	1864, Oct. 18.	North Beverly.	W. C.
Calvin G. Hill,	1872, Sept. 5.	1872, Dec. 2.	Hamilton.	Pastor.
Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16.	1869, Apr. 7.	Lynnfield.	A. P.
Orpheus T. Lanphear, D. D.,	1849, Oct. 25.	1868, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	Pastor.
Charles C. McIntire,	1861, Sept. 17.	1872, Feb. 6.	Rockport.	"
Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12.	1864, Apr. 10.	Ipswich.	"
William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28.	1872, Feb. 6.	Lanesville.	A. P.
Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7.	1859, Mar. 1.	Saugus Centre.	Pastor.
J. Henry Thayer, D. D.,	1859, Dec. 29.	1860, Mar. 6.	Andover.	Prof. S
Charles Van Norden,	1866, Nov. 14.	1868, June 2.	Beverly.	

Licentiate.—J. A. Kellogg, Approbated June 7, 1870.

Times of Meeting.—First Tuesday in February, April, June, October, and Decem

Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich, Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.

VIII. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel R. Asbury,	1861, March.	1866, Aug.		
Edward O. Bartlett,	1863, Sept. 14.	1867, Feb. 13.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.
Edward P. Bassett,	1857, Mar. 25.	1868, Nov. 11.	Warwick.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	1869, Nov. 3.	1872, Nov.	Orange.	Pastor.
Edmund H. Blanchard,	1860, Apr. 25.	1861, May 15.		
Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15.	1873, Feb.	South Deerfield.	Pastor.
Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11.	1859, Nov. 8.	Northfield.	"
Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20.	1858, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	"
Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4.	1869, May 19.	Wendell.	A. P.
Elijah Cutler,	1863, Sept. 9.	1863, Nov. 10.	East Charlemont.	"
James Dingwell,	1872, Aug. 23.	1872.	Ashfield.	Pastor.
Sylvester R. Dole,	1865, Nov. 16.	1867, May 15.		
John Eastman,	1834, Aug. 13.	1872, Nov.	West Hawley.	A. P.
Andrew B. Foster,	1844, June 16.	1865, Nov. 14.	Orange.	W. C.
Phineas C. Headley,	1849, Feb. 9.	1857, Nov. 3.	Boston.	"
Simon L. Hobbs,	1854, Sept.	1870, May 11.		Missionary.
William W. Howland,	1845, Oct. 12.	1858, Feb. 10.	*Ceylon.*	"
Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3.	1872, May.	Greenfield.	Pastor.
Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5.	1870, Nov. 8.	Shelburne Falls.	"
Samuel H. Lee,	1862, Sept. 17.	1867, May 15.	*Cleveland, O.*	"
Aretas G. Loomis,	1850, Jan.	1868, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	W. C.
A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 30.	1871, May 9.	Shelburne.	Pastor.
Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1.	1872, July.	Charlemont.	"
Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14.	1863, Nov. 10.	Wayland.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	1847, May 6.	1871, Feb. 14.		
Eli Moody,	1818, Aug. 12.	1862, Aug. 19.	Montague.	Retired.
Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28.	1865, May 10.	Montague.	W. C.
Theophilus Packard,	1828, Mar. 12.	1865, May 9.	*Chicago, Ill.*	"
David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13.	1868, Nov. 11.	Sunderland.	Pastor.
Jeremiah Pomeroy,	1833, Oct. 7.	1853, Feb. 1.	South Deerfield.	W. C.
Benjamin W. Pond,	1862, Jan. 28.	1867, May 15.	*York, Me.*	Pastor.
Edmund S. Potter,	1843, Aug. 23.	1866, Nov. 13.	West Somerville.	A.P.inGill.
Daniel H. Rogan,	1859, Nov.	1861, Nov.	*Iowa.*	
Daniel F. Savage,	1861, Oct. 16.	1871. Feb. 15.		
P. A. Schwarz,	1857, June.	1863, Nov. 10.		
Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1.	1843, May.	East Hawley.	A. P.
David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21.	1849, May.	Coleraine.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting.— Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Greenfield, Scribe; Rev. David A. Strong, Coleraine, Treasurer.

IX. Hampden East, Organized June 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry J. Bruce,	1862, Sept. 11.	1862, Nov. 11.	*India.*	Missionary.
Samuel G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24.	1847, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	Pastor.
Edward B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12.	1868, Nov. 10.	So. Wilbraham.	"
E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16.	1844, June 12.	Chicopee.	"
Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5.	1860, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	"
Chester L. Cushman,	1856, Nov. 20.	1868, July 1.	Ludlow.	"
Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11.	1870, Feb. 8.	E. Longmeadow.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12.	1868, July 1.	Palmer Depot.	Pastor.
Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25.	1866, July 17.	Springfield.	"
Charles Hammond,	1855, Oct. 9.	1864, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1.	1851, Feb. 4.	Longmeadow.	Pastor.
Stephen Harris,	1861, Oct. 24.	1871, Nov. 12.	*Iowa.*	
Allen Hazen, D. D.,	1846, July 1.	1861, July 12.	*India.*	Missionary.
Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20.	1869, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	Pastor.
Richard Knight,	1837, May 6.	1857, July 16.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20.	1869, July 6.	Chicopee.	"
Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14.	1871, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	"
Milan C. Stebbins,	1864, Oct. 25.	1866, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2.	1868, Feb. 4.	Monson.	Pastor.
Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16.	1868, May 5.	Chicopee Falls.	"
James Tufts,	1844, Sept.	1854, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Licentiate.	Approbated.	Licentiate.	Approbated.
William E. Boies, unlimited,	1860, May 1.	Edward S. Fitz,	1872, July 2.

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Rev. E. Benedict Clark, Chicopee, Register and Statistical Scribe.

X. HAMPDEN WEST, ORGANIZED JUNE 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry Cooley,	1846, Dec. 2.	1867.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16.	1868.	Chester Centre.	Pastor.
[James C. Greenough,	*Not ordained.*	1868.	*Providence, R. I.*]	
Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1.	1868.	Boston.	
Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23.	1867.	Westfield.	Pastor.
Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24.	1867.	Palmer.	A. P.
Timothy Lyman,	1850, Nov. 23.	1873.	Westfield.	W. C.
Simeon Miller,	1846, May 7.	1846.		
Henry H. Olds,	1872, May 22.	1873.	West Granville.	Pastor.
Ralph Perry,	1844, Jan. 3.	1844.	Agawam.	"
Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24.	1872.	East Granville.	"
Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21.	1866.	Chester.	A. P.
Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20.	1866.	Feeding Hills.	"
John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4.	1868.	Holyoke.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Frederick H. Allen,	1872, May 14.	Peter B. Shiere,	1873, May 14.
Edward P. Butler,	" "	Mellen D. Stone,	" "

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in February, May, July, and November.
Rev. Henry Hopkins, Westfield, Register and Statistical Scribe.

XI. HAMPSHIRE, ORGANIZED BEFORE 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Marshall B. Angier,	1853, June 8.	1869, Oct. 20.		W. C.
Pliny F. Barnard,	1847, Jan. 14.	1871, Feb. 7.	Westhampton.	
John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20.	1837, Feb. 7.	Huntington.	Pastor.
Edward Clarke,	1839, June 13.	1839, Aug. 6.	Chesterfield.	W. C.
Solomon Clarke,	1841, Apr. 12.	1861, Feb. 5.	Plainfield.	A. P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20.	1867, Feb. 5.	Florence.	Pastor.
Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10.	1854, May. 24.	Easthampton.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 11.	1871, Feb. 7.	Becket.	A. P.
John F. Gleason,	1873, Jan. 7.	1873, Feb. 4.	Williamsburg.	Pastor.
Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25.	1853, May 3.	Northampton.	"
Sidney Holman,	1833, Jan. 16.	1863, May 5.		
James P. Kimball,	1857, May 12.	1871, Feb. 7.	Haydenville.	Pastor.
William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec.	1867, May 28.	Northampton.	"
Ephraim Lyman,	1835, Oct. 28.	1864, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	W. C.
David S. Morgan,	1867, June 26.	1868, Oct. 20.	*Montello, Wis.*	A.P. *Presb.*
Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17.	1864, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	Pastor.
Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26.	1869, Feb. 2.	Southampton.	"

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Charles W. Parkhurst, Easthampton,	1871, June 7.
Joseph H. Sawyer, Easthampton,	1872, June 5.

TIMES OF MEETING.—First Tuesday in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. Ephraim Lyman, Northampton, Scribe and Treasurer.

XII. HAMPSHIRE EAST, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12.	1848, Feb. 8.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20.	1858, Nov. 9.	Prescott.	"
Warren H. Beaman,	1841, Sept. 15.	1841, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Henry B. Blake,	1845, Jan. 1.	1856, Feb. 12.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	Supt. Schs. and Miss.
J. Henry Bliss,	1869, Nov. 28.	1871, Sept. 19.	South Hadley.	W. C.
Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 6.	1843, Nov. 14.	Greenwich.	Pastor.
Franklin P. Chapin,	1857, Nov. 10.	1869, Sept. 21.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles A. Conant,	1864, June 2.	1872, Dec. 3.	East Amherst.	A. P.
Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25.	1854, May 9.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 13.	1841, Nov. 16.	New Salem.	A. P.
Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7.	1872, June 4.	Granby.	Pastor.
Edward C. Ewing,	1863, Nov. 5.	1867, Dec. 17.	Enfield.	"
George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27.	1867, Dec. 17.	S. Hadley Falls.	"
Dana Goodsell,	1834, May 1.	1841, Nov. 16.	*Phila., Penn.*	W. C.
William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 18.	1869, Feb. 5.	North Amherst.	Pastor.
Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 17.	1869, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	"
H. G. Jesup,	1854, Apr. 26.	1866, Dec. 18.	Amherst.	W. C.
Matthew Kingman,	1845, June 26.	1867, Sept. 17.	Amherst.	"
John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17.	1861, Jan. 9.	Whately.	Pastor.
Charles D. Lothrop,	1854, Dec. 14.	1866, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	W. C.
George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 12.	1870, Dec. 20.	South Amherst.	"
Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10.	1871, Sept. 19.	Belchertown.	Pastor.
Robert McEwen, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 10.	1842, Nov. 9.	*New London, Ct.*	W. C.
Julius H. Seelye, D. D,	1853, Aug. 8.	1865, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
John P. Skeele,	1850, Oct. 9.	1870, Dec. 20.	Hatfield.	W. C.
William A. Stearns, D. D.,	1831, Dec. 14.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	Pres. Coll.
William Tyler,	1810, Feb. 24.	1841, Nov. 16.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William S. Tyler, D. D.,	1859, Oct. 5.	1841, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William H. Veill,	1866, Feb. 21.	1871, Sept. 19.	Packardville.	Pastor.
Aaron Warner, D. D.,	1823, Sept. 25.	1858, May 11.	Amherst.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Henry W. Blake,	1873, June 3.
Edward P. Crowell, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.
Richard H. Mather, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.
William L. Montague, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Tuesday next after the first Sabbath in February and June; and Tuesday next after the third Sabbath in September and December.

Rev. Charles D. Lothrop, Amherst, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIII. MENDON, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 8, 1751.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment
Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 26.	1869, Mar. 8.	Norfolk.	Pastor.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9.	1871, Mar. 14.	Medfield.	A. P.
Sewall Harding,	1821, Jan. 17.	1843, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Rufus K. Harlow,	1868, Oct 15.	1872, June 11.	Medway.	Pastor.
Alexis W. Ide,	1859, July 7.	1872, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2.	1815, May.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26.	1856, April.	Mansfield.	"
Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1.	1872, June 11.	East Medway.	"
Luther Keene,	1863, Feb. 11.	1868, Sept. 8.	Franklin.	"
S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29.	1869, Mar. 9.	Holbrook.	A. P.
Caleb Kimball,	1832.	1854, Jan.	Medway Village.	Disabled.
Daniel J. Poor,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, April.	*Romeo, Mich.*	Teacher.
Jacob Roberts,	1839, July 17.	1858, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William L. Ropes,	1853, Sept. 14.	1853, Oct.	Andover.	Librarian. Theo. Sem
David Sanford,	1828, May 22.	1838, April.	Medway Village.	Pastor.
William M. Thayer,	1849, June 20.	1872, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	Sec. Mass. Temp. Alliance
William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9.	1868, Dec. 8.	Wrentham.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Second Tuesday in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. Jacob Ide, Jr., Mansfield, Moderator; Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe.

XIV. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, ORGANIZED JUNE 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment
Gorham D. Abbott, D.D., LL.D.,	1837, Dec. 25.	1872, Dec 3.	South Natick.	W. C.
John Colby,	1855, Oct. 31.	1864, Oct. 11.	Southborough.	"
Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29.	1869, Apr. 7.	Cambridge.	"
Erastus Dickinson,	1835, Sept. 25.	1856, Apr. 8.	*New Jersey.*	"
Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10.	1839, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10.	1869, Apr. 7.	Middleborough.	"
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1.	1871, Dec. 5.	Framingham.	"
George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28,	1870, Apr. 5.	Hopkinton.	"
Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15.	1870, Oct. 4.	Saxonville.	"
Jesse H. Jones,	1861, May 19.	1869, Oct. 5.	East Abington.	
Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28.	1871, June 27.	Woburn.	Pastor.
Birdsey G. Northrop,	1847, Mar. 7.	1847, May 4.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Sec. Conn. Board of Education
Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2.	1872, Feb. 6.	Natick.	Pastor.
George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23.	1866, Apr. 3.	Wellesley.	"
William H. Phipps,	1866, Aug. 29.	1871, Jan. 3.	*E. Woodstock, Ct.*	A. P.
Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6.	1861, Apr. 2.	Lincoln.	Pastor.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Josiah H. Temple,	1845, Sept. 30.	1870, July 5.	Framingham.	W. C.
Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19.	1870, July 5.	Sudbury.	Pastor.
Charles R. Treat,	1870, Mar. 30.	1870, July 5.	Boston.	W. C.
Daniel Wight,	1842, Sept. 28.	1872, June 4.	Natick.	"
Charles H. S. Williams,	1868, Jan. 16.	1868, July 7.	*New York.*	Lawyer.
John Wood,	1840, Apr. 8.	1871, Dec. 5.	Wellesley.	W. C.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— First Tuesday in February and May, third Tuesday in September, and first Tuesday in December.

Rev. Charles Jones, Saxonville, Moderator; Rev. George H. Ide, Hopkinton, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XV. MIDDLESEX UNION, ORGANIZED JANUARY, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29.	1866, Nov. 7.	Leominster.	Pastor.
Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7.	1864, Sept. 6.	Auburn.	A. P.
Alfred Emerson,	1845, Oct. 15.	1858, July 6.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	1864, Aug. 31.	1873, Jan. 7.	Ayer.	A. P.
Robert W. Fuller,	1841, June 10.	1861, Jan. 1.	Stow.	W. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	1872, Sept. 11.	1872, Sept. 11.	Westford.	Pastor.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	1849, May 17.	1859, May 3.	"	W. C.
John C. Hutchinson,	1859, Dec. 20.	1864, Mar. 1.	Richmond.	"
John E. B. Jewett,	1851, Sept. 10.	1861, May 7.	Pepperell.	"
Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15.	1870, May 10.	Shirley Village.	Pastor.
Leonard Luce,	1829, Apr. 8.	1829, July 21.	Westford.	W. C.
William A. Mandell,	1842, Apr. 2.	1856, Jan. 1.	Cambridge.	L. Ins. Agt.
George N. Marden,	1862, Oct. 9.	1863, May 5.	*Farmington, Me.*	Pastor.
Joel D. Miller,	1866, April.	1871, July 5.	Leominster.	Teacher.
George H. Morse,	1864, May 11.	1870, Jan. 4.	Townsend.	A. P.
Horace Parker,	1861, May 31.	1864, Mar. 1.	Pepperell.	Pastor.
William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 28.	1866, Jan. 2.	Williamsburg.	W. C.
George H. Pratt,	1866, Oct. 11.	1866, Nov. 7.	Harvard.	Book Agt.
Charles Rockwell,	1834, Sept. 23.	1871, Nov. 12.	Dunstable.	A. P.
Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16.	1868, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	Pastor.
George Trask,	1830, Sept. 15.	1856, Jan. 1.	"	Anti-Tobacco.
Henry M. Tyler,	1872, May 6.	1873, May 6.	"	Pastor.
George Williams,	1865, Oct. 25.	1869, Jan. 5.		
Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 24.	1873, May 6.	Acton.	Pastor.
Henry D. Woodworth,	1860, Sept. 12.	1868, Mar.		W. C.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— First Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, Westford, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XVI. NORFOLK, ORGANIZED MAY 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	1863, Feb.	1868, Apr. 28.	Groton.	Pastor.
L. Wheaton Allen,	1869, Oct. 13.	1871, Jan. 30.	*Greeley, Col.*	"
S. B. Andrews,	1868, June 20.	1873, July 29.	Braintree.	A. P.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22.	1869, Apr. 27.	Sharon.	Pastor.
[Edward L. Clark, *Presb.*	1860, Aug. 8.	1866, Jan. 30.	*New York.*]	

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
W. M. Cornell, M.D., D.D., LL.D.,	1830, Jan. 12.	1872, Apr. 20.	Boston.	Editor.
Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9.	1871, Apr. 25.	E. Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Benjamin Dodge,	1848.	1867, Jan. 29.	Wollaston Hghts.	Ins. Agt.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1848, Oct. 31.	Shrewsbury.	Pastor.
Lucius R. Eastman,	1837, Nov. 24.	1838. Jan. 30.	Boston.	Evangelist.
Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12.	1858, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	Supt. Sch.
Joshua Emery,	1835, May 15.	1838, Jan. 30.	No. Weymouth.	Pastor Em.
George E. Freeman,	1858, Oct. 6.	1872, July 30.	Abington.	"
Joseph F. Jennison,	1857, Nov. 4.	1872, July 30.	Canton.	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24.	1867, Jan. 29.	Swampscott.	Pastor.
John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4.	1866, July 31.	Randolph.	"
Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5.	1871, Jan. 30.	Worcester.	"
Elbridge P. McElroy,	1871, Oct. 25.	1872, Jan. 30.	East Weymouth.	"
James McLean,	1859, Aug. 30.	1872, July 30.	No. Weymouth.	"
Robert G. S. McNeille,	1870, May 16.	1873, Apr. 29.	No. Bridgewater.	"
Jonas Perkins,	1815, June 14.	1816, Oct. 30.	Braintree.	Retired.
Lebbeus R. Phillips,	1841, July 29.	1841, Oct. 26.	Groton.	Farmer.
Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11.	1840, July 28.	No. Weymouth.	A. P. at Hanson.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	1836, June 22.	1851, Jan.	Holbrook.	W. C.
Charles B. Smith,	1870, Feb. 25.	1871, Oct. 31.		
George W. Stanton,	1866, June 6.	1871, July 25.	So. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12.	1872, Jan. 30.	No. Bridgewater.	"
Moody A. Stevens,	1861, Dec. 9.	1871, Oct. 31.	Cohasset.	"
Richard S. Storrs, D. D.,	1811, June 3.	1812, Apr. 29.	Braintree.	"
Albert K. Teele,	1854, July 15.	1852, April.	Milton.	"
John Thompson,	1863, Sept. 23.	1873, Apr. 29.	South Abington.	"
Louis B. Voorhees,	1871, Dec. 6.	1872, July 30.	No. Weymouth.	"
Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3.	1868, Oct. 27.	Boston.	City Miss.
Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 15.	1845, Jan. 28.	Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1.	1856, April.	Stoughton.	"
Charles W. Wood,	1839, Oct. 29.	1858, Apr. 27.	Campello.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Edward Grover, Arlington,	1873, April 29.
George H. Martin, Bridgewater,	1872, April 30.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Last Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D. D., Braintree, Moderator; Rev. Louis B. Voorhees, North Weymouth, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVII. OLD COLONY, ORGANIZED AUGUST 18, 1810.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Homer Barrows,	1836, June 1.	1853, Oct. 26.	Andover.	W. C.
Daniel C. Burt,	1835, July 1.	1835, July 28.	New Bedford.	"
Timothy F. Clary,	1849, Dec. 12.	1864, July 20.	Wareham.	Ins. Agent.
Nathaniel Cobb,	1827, Oct. 31.	1851, Apr. 30.	Kingston.	Evangelist.
James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12.	1865, Apr. 18.	Waquoit.	A. P.
[Tristram R. Dennison,	*Not ordained.*	1872, June 11.	New Bedford.	City Mis'y.]
Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29.	1863, Oct. 20.	Scotland parish.	A. P.
William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5.	1870, Dec. 20.	Acushnet.	Pastor in New Bedford.
J. Lambdin Harris,	1860, Sept. 20.	1873, July 1.	New Bedford.	A. P.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	1868, Nov. 12.	1873, July 1.	Fairhaven.	Pastor.
Charles A. Kingsbury,	1873, Nov. 14.	1872, June 11.	Marion.	"
Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25.	1866, Feb. 20.	So. Dartmouth.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John M. Lord,	1851, Dec. 21.	1865, Dec. 19.	East Abington.	
Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21.	1872, June 11.	Edgartown.	A. P.
Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6.	1867, July 2.	Foxborough.	"
Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27.	1864, July 20.	New Bedford.	Pastor.
Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13.	1873, July 1.	Mattapoisett.	"
Cassius M. Terry,	1871, Nov. 3.	1870, Dec. 20.	*St. Paul, Minn.*	P. E.
Isaiah C. Thacher,	1844, Dec. 25.	1845, Apr. 29.	Wareham.	Pastor.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Third Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Charles A. Kingsbury, Marion, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVIII. PLYMOUTH, ORGANIZED MAY 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30.	1859, Aug. 16.	Charlestown.	W. C.
Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5.	1858, May 18.	Marshfield.	Pastor,
Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6.	1871, May 16.	Hanover.	A. P.
David Bremner,	1855, May 2.	1866, May 15.	*Derry, N. H.*	Pastor.
William H. Cobb,	1872, Sept. 18.		Chiltonville.	"
Samuel W. Cozzens, D. D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1870, Aug. 16.		
William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8.	1866, Nov. 20.	Halifax.	Pastor.
Ebenezer Gay,	1818, Jan. 7.	1864, Feb. 16.	Bridgewater.	W. C.
Frederic Janes,	1837.	1870, Aug. 16.	*Willington, Ct.*	
Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30.	1842, Nov. 30.	Kingston.	A. P.
Thomas S. Robie,	1859, Oct. 25.	1870, Nov. 15.	*New Ipswich, N.H.*	
Baalis Sanford,	1827, Oct. 4.	1858, Aug. 17.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Enoch Sanford,	1823, Oct. 2.	1858, Nov. 30.	Raynham.	"
James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3.	1870, Aug. 16.	East Marshfield.	Pastor.
Benjamin Southworth,	1859, Feb, 24.	1861, Feb. 19.	*Maine.*	A. P.
Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4.	1872, Feb. 20.	Hanover.	"
George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21.	1870, May 17.	Plymouth.	Pastor.
Philip Titcomb,	1849, Apr. 7.	1869, May 18.	Plympton.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Cyrus W. Allen, Hanover, Moderator; Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Marshfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIX. SALEM, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 15, 1840.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Milton P. Braman, D. D.,	1826, Apr. 12.	1850, Oct. 15.	Danvers.	W. C.
Levi Brigham,	1837, Mar. 15.	1850, Oct. 29.	*Troy, N. H.*	A. P.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1866, Sept. 3.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
Alexander C. Childs,	1853, May 18.	1867, Nov. 12.	*W. Charlest'n, Vt.*	A. P.
William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9.	1850, Oct. 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3.	1865, Mar. 6.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11.	1873, Mar. 11.	"	"
James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2.	1871, July 11.	Topsfield.	"
Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7.	1870, Mar. 8.	Middleton.	"
Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept.	1868, Nov. 10.	Boxford.	"
George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1.	1869, July 13.	Manchester.	"
Francis Homes,	1854, Oct. 29.	1866, May 1.	Cochessett.	Teacher.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24.	1871, Nov. 14.	Swampscott.	Pastor.
William R. Joyslin,	1864, Feb. 3.	1870, Jan. 16.	*E. Portland, Or.*	A. P.
Edward A. Lawrence, D. D.,	1839, May 15.	1869, Jan. 12.	Marblehead.	Pastor.
Anson McLoud,	1841, Dec. 8.	1850, Oct. 15.	Topsfield.	W. C.
D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept.	1869, Mar. 9.	Georgetown.	Pastor.
D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June 18.	1870, Nov. 1.	Essex.	"
Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28.	1871, Jan. 10.	Lynn.	A. P.
Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7.	1864, May 1.	Danvers.	Pastor.
John S. Sewall,	1859, Apr. 20.	1859, Apr. 12.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof. Coll.
Jotham B. Sewall,	1855, Feb. 28.	1855, May 8.	*Brunswick, Me.*	" "
Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11.	1862, Mar. 7.	Barre.	Pastor.
Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19.	1865, May 2.		
Joseph Tracy, D. D.,	1821, June 26.	1851, Apr. 15.	Beverly.	Sec. Mass. Col. Soc.
James M. Whiton, PH. D.,	1865, May. 10.	1865, Nov. 7.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Will C. Wood,	1866, Oct. 15.	1869, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	"

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Albert H. Currier, Lynn, Scribe.

XX. SUFFOLK NORTH, ORGANIZED JULY 2, 1822.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward Abbott,	1863, July 28.	1865, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	Ed. Cong.
George E. Allen,	1858, May 20.	1858, Sept. 28.	East Somerville.	W. C.
Marcus Ames,	1854, June 28.	1861, June 18.	Lancaster.	
Rufus Anderson, D. D.,	1826, May 10.	1827, Dec. 18.	Boston.	W. C..
Abijah R. Baker, D. D.,	1838, Apr. 25.	1838, Aug. 29.	Dorchester.	"
William Barrows, D. D.,	1845, Sept. 4,	1850, Sept, 23.	Reading.	Sec. Mass. H. M. Soc.
Charles C. Beaman,	1839, June 25.	1868, Apr. 21.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1.	1871, Feb. 21.	Attleborough.	Pastor.
Joel S. Bingham, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 20.	1863, June 16.	*Dubuque, Iowa.*	"
George W. Blagden, D. D.,	1827, Dec. 25.	1828, Oct. 28.	Boston.	W. C.
John K. Browne,	1872, Oct. 16.	1873.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23.	1869, Oct. 19.	Everett.	"
Asa Bullard,	1832, Jan. 13.	1835, Oct. 27.	Boston.	Sec. Cong. Pub. Soc.
William Bushnell, M. D.,	1832, Aug. 8.	1842, Dec. 27.	Boston.	Physician.
William Carruthers,	1858, June 16.	1861, June 18.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
N. George Clark, D. D.,	1857, Oct.	1866, June.	Boston.	Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Sereno D. Clark,	1840, June 11.	1865, Sept. 19.	*Vermont.*	
Dorus Clarke, D. D.,	1823, Feb. 23.	1842, Oct. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Christopher Cushing, D. D.,	1840, Feb. 7.	1868, June 9.	Cambridge.	Sec. Am. Cong. Union.
Zachary Eddy, D. D.,	1835, Mar. 16.	1871.	Chelsea.	W. C.
Francis F. Ford,	1857, Oct. 5.	1873.	Charlestown.	Pastor.
Stedman W. Hanks,	1840, Mar. 20.	1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridge.	Sec. Sea. Friend Soc.
Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20.	1871, Feb. 21.	Boston.	A. P.
Samuel E. Herrick,	1863, Oct. 13.	1865, Feb. 21.	Boston.	Pastor.
William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30.	1873.	Somerville.	"
William S. Karr,	1864, Sept.	1873.	Cambridgeport.	"

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Isaac P. Langworthy,	1841, Nov. 10.	1842, Oct. 25.	Chelsea.	Sec. Am. Cong. Assoc.
George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29.	1870, Sept. 20.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28.	1867, Apr. 16.	Cambridge.	Pastor.
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1858, Sept. 28.	Wellesley.	Editor.
David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2.	1867, Dec. 17.	No. Cambridge.	"
James B. Miles, D. D.,	1855, Jan. 2.	1856, Feb. 26.	Boston.	Sec. Am. Peace Soc.
Ebenezer Newhall,	1823, Dec. 17.	1866, Apr. 17.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
I. H. Northrup,		1852, Apr. 27.	*Utica, N. Y.*	"
William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1.	1872.	Somerville.	Pastor.
Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10.	1859, Feb. 22.	Boston Highlands.	"
Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1.	1869, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	"
Francis G. Pratt,	1849, Oct. 19.	1850, Feb. 26.	Middleborough.	W. C.
Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19.	1870, Apr. 19.	Revere.	A. P.
Calvin Terry,	1846, Dec. 20.	1861, June 18.	*Haverhill, N. H.*	
Edward P. Thwing,	1858, Sept. 22.	1868, Apr. 21.	*Maine.*	
Heman R. Timlow,		1871, Feb. 21.	*Connecticut.*	
Alexander S. Twombly,	1859, Feb. 10.	1872.	Charlestown.	Pastor.
Daniel W. Waldron,	1867, Apr. 3.	1872.	Boston.	City Miss.
John Whitney,	1837, Nov. 8.	1839, July 22.		

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Alfred H. Hall,	1872, April 16.	Josiah G. Willis,	1871, June 13.
Edward C. Ingalls,	1873, June 10.	Nathan S. Willis,	1872, Oct. 15.
D. W. Kilburn,	1872, Feb. 20.		

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Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXI. SUFFOLK SOUTH, ORGANIZED JANUARY 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frederic R. Abbe,	1857, Sept. 3.	1873, May 13.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
Nehemiah Adams, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 17.	1835, Jan. 6.	Boston.	"
Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2.	1860, Jan. 3.	South Boston.	"
Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30,	1863, May 19.	Norwood.	A. P.
Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27.	1857, Nov. 3.	Arlington.	Pastor.
William B. Clarke,	1855, May 4.	1871, Oct. 31.	Dorchester.	A. P.
John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29.	1865, May 2.	Royalston.	Pastor.
Perley B. Davis,	1861, Jan. 29.	1863, July 7.	Hyde Park.	"
Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29.	1871, Jan. 2.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7.	1863, May 19.	Dedham.	"
William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15.	1861, Nov. 15.	Needham.	W. C.
B. Franklin Hamilton,	1865, June 28.	1872, Mar. 12.	Bost. Highlands.	Pastor.
Henry B. Hooker, D. D.,	1825, Oct. 10.	1858, Nov. 9.	Boston.	Sec.
Edward N. Kirk, D. D.,	1828, Oct. 23.	1842, Oct. 4.	Boston.	Pastor.
Benjamin Labaree, D. D.,	1831, Sept. 26.	1871, May 2.	West Roxbury.	W. C.
James H. Means,	1848, July 13.	1868, Jan. 7.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3.	1857, Oct. 6.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Charles L. Mills,	1838.	1868. Mar. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Henry M. Parsons,	1854, Nov. 15.	1871, Mar. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Francis B. Perkins,	1860, Feb. 15.	1865, Jan. 3.	Boston.	Dis. Sec. Am. Tract Soc.
Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2.	1867, Nov. 12.	South Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13.	1862, Jan. 7.	Centreville.	A. P.
Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 14.	1872, Nov. 12.	West Roxbury.	Pastor.
Augustus C. Thompson, D. D.,	1842, July 27.	1842, Nov. 1.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Selah B. Treat,	1836, Mar. 24.	1844, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Garrett Van De Kruke,	1873, Feb. 20.	1873, May 13.	Bost. Highlands.	Pastor.
Jonathan E. Woodbridge,	1835, Jan.	1865, Sept. 5.		W. C.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Perley B. Davis, Hyde Park, Scribe and Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXII. SUFFOLK WEST, ORGANIZED JANUARY 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	1858, July 21.	1867, Jan. 8.	North Hadley.	A. P.
Daniel Butler,	1838, Oct. 13.	1868, Apr. 7.	Waverley.	Sec. B. Soc
Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10.	1868, Dec. 8.	Jamaica Plain.	Pastor.
Calvin Cutler,	1862, Mar. 12.	1868, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	"
Samuel H. Dana,	1872, Oct. 9.	1872, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	"
James R. Danforth,	1868, Jan. 2.	1873, Apr. 8.	Newtonville.	"
John De Witt,	1865, June 9.	1870, Feb. 22.	Boston.	"
Henry M. Dexter, D. D.,	1844, Nov. 6.	1867, Jan. 8.	New Bedford.	Editor of Congregationalist
Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1.	1867, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	Pastor.
James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grantville.	"
Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21.	1869, Oct. 12.	No. Vill. Newton.	"
Daniel P. Noyes,	1849, Apr. 18.	1867, Feb. 6.	Longwood.	Sec. Ho. Ev.
David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21.	1867, Apr. 2.	Brighton.	Pastor.
Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16.	1867, Jan. 8.	West Newton.	"
Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Apr. 10.	1867, Apr. 8.	Waltham.	"
Increase N. Tarbox, D. D.,	1842, Nov. 23.	1867, Apr. 2.	West Newton.	Sec. Am. Ed. Soc.
John E. Todd,	1860, Feb. 2.	1867, Feb. 6.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Pastor.
Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19.	1869, Dec. 21.	Waverley.	"
Israel P. Warren, D. D.,	1842, Apr. 20.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11.	1867, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Pastor.
Joshua W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18.	1867, Jan. 8.	Newton.	"
Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26.	1872, Dec. 10.	Watertown.	"
Charles L. Woodward,	1849, Nov. 7.	1871, Oct. 10.	Watertown.	Sec. Am. Miss. Asso.
William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2.	1868, Apr. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.

Licentiate, for three years, D. P. Lindsley, Approbated 1871, Feb. 28.

Nov. 21, 1872, Mr. Harrison Prescott, of Newton Centre, was unanimously approved by the Association "as a Lay Preacher and Helper," and in this capacity commended to the churches.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin Cutler, Auburndale, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIII. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William W. Adams, D. D.,	1860, Jan. 26.	1864, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	Pastor.
Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1.	1873, Apr. 9.	Attleborough.	"
Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 24.	1856, July 29.	Taunton.	"
Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25.	1871, Jan. 11.	Fall River.	"
Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16.	1869, Nov. 10.	Rochester.	W. C.
Leander S. Coan,	1863, June 18.	1872, Nov. 7.	Fall River.	City Miss.
William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20.	1873, Jan. 11.	Assonet.	Pastor.
Ebenezer Dawes,	1864, Sept. 8.	1860, Nov. 20.	Dighton.	A. P.
Ellis R Drake,	1868, Nov. 10.	1873, Apr. 9.	Middleborough.	Pastor.
Abel G. Duncan,	1829, May 13.	1857, Mar. 31.	West Hanover.	W. C.
John W. Haley,	1864, Sept. 23.	1869, Nov. 10.		
Hartford P, Leonard,	1863, June 23.	1866, Mar. 27.	Westport.	Pastor.
Erastus Maltby,	1824, Sept. 29.	1826, Nov. 21.	Taunton.	"
Stephen M. Newman,	1871, Oct. 7.	1873, Jan. 11.	"	"
Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2.	1866, Aug. 1.	Natick.	"
Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9.	1868, Apr. 21.	East Taunton.	A. P.
Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17.	1861, Mar. 26.	West Taunton.	Pastor.
John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11.	1869, Nov. 10.	West Attleboro'.	A. P.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
William C. Peckham, *New York City*,	1873, Jan. 11.
Augustus C. Swain, Needham,	1873, Apr. 9.

Times of Meeting.—Second Tuesday (and Wednesday) in January, April, and November.

Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Natick, Moderator; Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIV. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 4.	1869, Jan. 26.	Melrose.	Pastor.
Edwin C. Bissell,	1859, Sept. 21.	1871, Nov. 21.	Winchester.	"
Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28.	1862, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	"
Elias Chapman,	1845, Oct. 6.	1869, Apr. 21.	North Reading.	W. C.
Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8.	1863, Jan. 8.	Bedford.	Pastor.
John W. Chickering, D. D.,	1830, June 6.	1867, Oct. 15.	Wakefield.	Sec. S.T.U.
Solon Cobb,	1864, Oct. 11.	1872, Jan. 16.	Medford.	Pastor.
Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11.	1867, Sept. 21.	Lynn.	"
William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5.	1866, Jan. 16.	Lunenburg.	"
Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3.	1871, Jan. 17.	Chelsea.	"
Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1.	1873, July 15.	Concord.	"
Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5.	1872, Nov. 16.	Stoneham.	"
Isaac F. Holton,	1860, May 1.	1866, Jan. 16.	Everett.	Editor.
Edward P. Hooker,	1861, Nov. 13.	1862, May 20.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	Pastor.
Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17.	1873, Mar. 18.	West Medford.	"
Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Oct. 28.	1873, May 20.	Woburn.	"
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866, June 28.	1872, Nov. 16.	North Reading.	"
John Lawrence,	1848, Aug. 5.	1869, Nov. 16.	Reading.	W. C.
Robert F. Lawrence,	1834, Jan. 29.	1869, Nov. 16.	Malden.	"
George Lewis,	1865, Dec, 12.	1866, July 17.	*Gorham, Me.*	"
James T. McCollom,	1841, Apr. 7.	1866, Oct. 6.	Medford.	Pastor.
Elihu P. Marvin, D. D.,	1845, July 23.	1852, May 18.	Wellesley.	Editor.
Moses Patten,	1860, June 7.	1870, Nov. 15.	Carlisle.	Pastor.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William N. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1.	1873, July 15.	No. Somerville.	Pastor.
Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22.	1871, May 16.	Wilmington.	"
Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12.	1861, Nov. 19.	No. Bridgewater.	"
Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30.	1871, Sept.	No. Woburn.	"
William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 20.	1872, Mar. 19.	Reading.	"
C. A. G. Thurston,		1873, Mar. 18.	Greenwood.	S. S.
William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5.	1858, Jan. 19.	Reading.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Joshua Buffum,	1862, Mar. 18.	Edward P. Smith,	1872, Jan. 16.
Charles Manning,	1866, Apr. 17.	Ludwig Wolfsen,	1870, Mar. 20.

TIMES OF MEETING.— Third Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Albert G. Bale, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXV. WORCESTER CENTRAL, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel S. Ashley,	1849, Aug. 1.	1852, Nov. 3.	*New Orleans, La.*	
Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 25.	1860, May 4.	Boylston.	W. C.
Willard Child, D. D.,	1827, April.	1864, Nov. 14.	*Crown Pt., N. Y.*	
De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11.	1869, May 4.	Clinton.	Pastor.
Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21.	1857, July 7.	Leicester.	"
Joseph W. Cross,	1834, Oct. 1.	1841, Jan. 5.	West Boylston.	W. C.
Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16.	1867, Feb. 4.	Rutland.	Pastor.
Preston Cummings,	1825, Aug. 23.	1852, July 6.	Leicester.	W. C.
Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6.	1856, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	Pastor.
E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25.	1870.	Shrewsbury.	"
Thomas L. Ellis,	1859, June 9.	1872, Feb. 6.	Paxton.	"
Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1868, July 14.	Millbury.	"
L. Ives Hoadly,	1823, Oct. 15.			
William A. Houghton,	1843, July 5.	1843, Nov. 7.	Berlin.	Pastor.
Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3.	1871, Nov. 14.	West Boylston.	A. P.
Charles M. Lamson,	1809, Aug. 5.	1873, May 6.	Worcester.	Pastor.
Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, June 10.	1872, May 7.	Lancaster.	"
Lucian D. Mears,	1871, Nov. 8.	1871, Nov. 14.	Sterling.	"
Rodney A. Miller,	1827, June 7.	1827, Aug. 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24.	1834.	Holden.	Pastor.
William Phipps,	1840, Nov. 11.	1841, Aug. 3.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	"
Miner G. Pratt,	1828, Oct. 22.	1837, May 2.	Andover.	Agent.
Merrill Richardson, D. D.,	1841, Oct. 28.	1859, Mar. 1.	Milford.	Pastor.
A. Hastings Ross,	1861, Oct. 17.	1863, Jan. 6.	*Springfield, Ohio.*	"
George E. Sanborne,	1857, Jan. 1.	1868.	*Hartford, Ct.*	Chaplain.
William H. Sanford,	1832, Oct. 17.	1833, Aug. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Roger M. Sargent,	1852, Apr. 27.		*Illinois.*	
Royal B. Stratton,	1848.	1867, May 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23.	1839, May 7.	"	Pastor.
Nathan W. Williams,	1849, Feb. 28.	1849, Aug. 7.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1870.	Grafton.	Pastor.
Isaac R. Worcester,	1837, Sept. 27.	1847, Jan. 5.	Auburndale.	Ed. M. Her.

Licentiates — None.

TIMES OF MEETING.— First Tuesday in February and May, and second Tuesday in July and November.

Rev. Thomas L. Ellis, Paxton, Moderator; Rev. De Witt S. Clark, Clinton, Scribe.

XXVI. Worcester North, Organized June 8, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Willard Brigham,	1843, May 24.	1870, Apr. 19.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Josiah D. Crosby,	1837, Oct. 4.	1846, Nov. 10.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
John P. Cushman,	1860, May 29.	1871, July 18.	*Troy, N. Y.*	
Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 29.	1868, Oct. 13.	Athol.	Pastor.
William W. Dow,	1866, May 23.	1872, Apr. 23.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1.	1869, Nov. 27.	No. Winchendon.	Pastor.
John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3.	1866, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	A. P.
Charles F. Morse,	1856, Aug. 13.	1871, July 18.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	
Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16.	1871, July 18.	Ashburnham.	A. P.
Walter Rice,	1865, July 25.	1869, Oct. 5.	South Royalston.	"
Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9.	1868, July 14.	Cohasset.	Pastor.
John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31.	1871, Jan. 10.	Hubbardston.	"
Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18.	1853, Jan. 11.	Erving.	A. P.

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting.—Second Tuesday in January, fourth Tuesday in April, second Tuesday in July, and first Tuesday in October.

Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXVII. Worcester South, Organized 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Sept. 27.	1869, Jan. 12.	Saundersville.	Pastor.
David M. Bean,	1863, July 23.	1870, Apr. 12.	So. Framingham.	A. P.
Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 18.	1839, Apr. 9.	Uxbridge.	Pastor.
William S. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4.	1866, July 10.	East Douglas.	"
Heman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18.	1872, Jan. 9.	Westborough.	"
Elijah Demond,	1821, May 7.		"	W. C.
Franklin E. Fellows,	1858, Dec. 15.	1870, Apr. 12.	*Griswold, Ct.*	A. P.
Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1869, July 13.	Millbury.	Pastor.
Edmund Y. Garrette,	1854, Apr. 12.	1858, Jan. 14.	*La Crosse, Wis.*	A. P.
James E. Hall,	1867, Feb. 27.	1867, July 9.	*Rockland, Me.*	
Joseph C. Halliday,	1864, June 8.	1872, Oct. 8.	Lovell's Corner.	A. P.
Sylvester Hine,	1848, Sept. 28.		*Higganum, Conn.*	A. P.
Thomas S. Norton,	1840, Feb. 4.	1869, July 13.	Dover.	
Josiah W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14.	1873, Jan. 14.	Douglas.	A. P.
George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14.	1871, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	Pastor.
John R. Thurston,	1859, Jan. 20.	1872, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	"
Hiram A. Tracy,	1835, Jan. 1.	1871, Oct. 17.	Sutton.	A. P.
James Wells,	1849, Apr. 1.	1872, Oct. 8.	Northbridge.	A. P.
Andrew J. Willard,	1857, Apr. 20.	1857, July 14.	*Burlington, Vt.*	
John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22.	1869, Apr. 13.	Grafton.	Pastor.
John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28.	1873, Apr. 8.	Upton.	"

Licentiates — None.

Times of Meeting.—Second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Heman P. De Forest, Westborough, Scribe.

During the year, there has been no change in the number or names of the Associations.

The Associations do not comprise all the ministers in the State. A few pastors and acting pastors are not members, but their names are given with their churches. Ministers not in pastoral service and not members of Associations, are, necessarily, officially unknown to the General Association.

Licentiates.—Given under the respective Associations. Total now under care, 53. Number approbated during the year, 13.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. The following tables contain the names of every Congregational church in Massachusetts, each in its own county. The counties are arranged in alphabetical order. Towns in each county are arranged alphabetically; churches in each town, according to age; and of each church, (1) its town, (2) its name (if it have a peculiar one,) which is always followed by "ch.," (3) its locality in the town, when that locality has a name distinct from the town; when the name of a church *follows* the name of a locality subordinate to the town, it shows that the church has a distinct number in that subdivision of the town.

2. Churches organized since the close of the statistical year (Dec. 31, 1872,) are inserted, for information, but in brackets, and are not included in the totals.

3. The contracted headings to the columns of figures are more fully given with the Summary.

4. The column specifying Ministers is corrected up to the time of publication. Church members are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1873. Admissions, removals, and baptisms, cover the year 1872. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and total," but included in them. "Sabbath School" includes total membership of teachers and scholars Jan. 1, 1873, or when the school is in successful operation (if not at that date,) covering "branch schools" and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church; and the "average" attendance for the year 1872.

5. Dates earlier than 1752 are given in "old style." To reduce these to "new style,"—if it be a date in the 17th century, add ten days; if it be a date in the 18th century (prior to 1752,) add eleven days.

6. "Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry "by the laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate. "A. p." denotes "Acting pastor."

7. All *Post-office addresses* are to be found in the "Index of Ministers," and *not* in the tables. For churches, see "Index of Towns."

8. In no instance is the report of any church in these Statistics copied from the returns of previous years. But there is included in the *totals* of each county, a careful estimate of the numbers in any unreporting church, if there be such; and also the occasionally missing items of "absent," and "average attendance" in Sabbath Schools,—which are assumed to be, in each case, equivalent to the average percentage of their county.

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THE CHURCHES, BY COUNTIES.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch. M. 1873, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1872.–				Rem.				Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Barnstable, West,	1616.	Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	17	44	61	11	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	55	40	$35.00
" Centreville,	1840, May 23	Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13	1869, *A. p.*	26	76	102	18	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	80	57	54.
" Hyannis,	1854, Jan. 3	Josiah W. Turner,	1837, Apr. 19	1872, *Miss.*	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	38		
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720, June 15	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	24	80	104	23	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	180	77	*
Dennis, South,	1817, June 16	William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 10	1870, Feb. 10	30	79	109	15	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	2	105	70	85.00
" North,	1866, Mar. 17	[J. K. Allen, *Meth. Lic.*]			12	32	44		0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	55	40	
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708.	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, Oct. 24	65	150	215	44	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	0	1	186	112	853.00
" East,	1821, June 20	David Perry,	1828, May.	1872, *A. p.*	22	43	65	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	60	40	70.23
" North,	1833, Aug. 1	James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30	1873, *A. p.*	26	30	56	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	19	14	23.00
" Waquoit,	1849, Jan. 8	James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12	1871, *A. p.*	30	75	105	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	
Harwich,	1747, Nov. 6	Bradish C. Ward.	1860, Apr. 5	1873, *A. p.*	10	30	40	0	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	2	2	85	75	36.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855, Feb. 18	*None.*			15	37	52	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	150	80	43.25
Orleans, East,	1719.	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	24	91	115	12	4	1	5	2	3	0	5	4	1	150	100	200.00
Provincetown,	1714, Jan.	George P. Blanchard,	1860, May 15	1873, *A. p.*	14	57	71	5	14	3	17	1	1	0	2	5	10	100	80	202.62
Sandwich,	1639, Oct.	Frederick Oxnard.	1861, May.	1871, *A. p.*	43	117	160	40	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	90	72	† 75.00
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711, Nov. 1	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	26	55	81	10	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	2	2	95	70	75.00
" North,	1842, May 22	*None.*			3	9	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	104	43	20.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730.	*None.*			82	117	199	25	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	130	74	192.50
" 2d ch., South,	1833. Dec. 4	William Leonard,	1844, July 7	1872, *A. p.*	33	58	91	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	55	60.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639.	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	47	113	160	6	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	1	1	156		297.18
" West,	1840, Sept. 30	John F. Norton,	1844, Oct. 23	1873, *A. p.*	3	17	20	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40		
TOTAL: 21 churches.					556	1315	1871	268	39	8	47	42	20	2	64	16	24	2043	1251	$2,322.61

* Paid debt.

† Nearly $3,000 for parsonage.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch.M.1873,Jan.1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.								Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827, Apr. 19	Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27	1871, Dec. 7	117	196	313	36	9	25	34	2	10	0	12	4	9	325	220	$1,678.23
" South,	1840, Jan. 1	Charles E. Stebbins.	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	40	99	139	45	12	8	20	5	9	0	14	3	6	220	130	200 00
Becket, 1st ch.,	1758, Dec. 28	Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 12	1872, *A. p.*	24	32	56	30	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	33	22	40.41
" North,	1849, Sept. 25	J. Jay Dana,	1835, Sept. 9	1866, *A. p.*	42	61	103	27	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	89	54	116.65
Dalton,	1785, Feb. 16	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	23	42	65	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	116	57	122.00
Egremont, South.	1816, Nov. 22	Noadiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26	1872, *A. p.*	44	78	122	25	0	14	14	3	7	0	10	0	2	110	75	200.00
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743, Dec. 28	Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	63	144	207	20	9	11	20	6	4	0	10	3	2		130	530.00
" Housatonic,	1841, June 18	Archibald Burpee,	1855, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	32	58	90	16	11	1	12	1	8	0	9	5	2	120	65	49.00
Hinsdale,	1795, Dec. 17	Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1807, Sept. 19	1807, Sept. 19	81	132	213	30	4	4	8	4	6	0	10	1	3	180	112	1,127.00
Lanesborough,	1764, Mar. 28	James Clark,		1873, *A. p.*	7	16	23	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	40	25	30.00
Lee,	1870, May 25	Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	141	269	410	70	11	4	15	10	8	0	18	4	5	350	275	2,367.00
Lenox,	1769.	*None.*			62	117	179	36	1	2	3	2	5	0	7	0	2	125	60	225.18
Monterey,	1750, Sept. 25	D. D. T. McLaughlin,	1846, Apr. 16	1873, *A. p.*	29	74	103	21	12	3	15	1	6	0	7	10	1	160	84	80.90
New Marlboro', 1st ch.,	1744, Oct. 31	Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	30	78	108	25	0	3	3	3	7	0	10	0	2	191	80	401.10
" Southfield,	1794, Apr. 25	Samuel R. Free,	1869, Apr. 11	1873, Feb. 4	12	27	39	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	30	
" Mill River,	1871, Jan. 16	Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20	1872, Sept. 10	20	44	64	2	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	150	75	
Otis,	1779, Feb. 2	Irem W. Smith,	1858, Aug. 18	1872, *A. p.*	12	48	60	14	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	125	75	10.00
Peru,	1770.	Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20	1869, Feb. 2	45	64	109	14	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	1	165	98	91.0
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764, Feb. 7	{ John Todd, D. D., / Edward O. Bartlett,	1827, Jan. 3 / 1842, Feb. 16 / 1863, Sept. 14 / 1873, Jan. 1		113	296	409	45	9	7	16	4	15	0	19		6	530	350	3,000.00
" 2d ch.,	1846, Sept. 20	Samuel Harrison,	1859, Jan. 1	1872, *A. p.*	7	24	31	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25	0
" South ch.,	1850, Nov. 12	Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6	1872, May 22	89	257	346	36	4	25	29	5	8	0	13			131	123	950.80
Richmond,	1765.	Lupton W. Curtis,	1842.	1869, *A. p*	24	52	76	10	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	74	50	20.00
Sandisfield,	1756, Feb. 24	Elbridge Bradbury,	1839, Oct.	1869, Dec. 25	48	105	153	46	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	150	110	
Sheffield,	1735, Oct. 22	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29	1869, Dec. 29	34	103	137	15	2	3	5	3	1	0	4	2	1	140	82	437.54
Stockbridge,	1734.	E. Cornelius Hooker,	1860, Dec. 11	1870, June 16	64	168	232	17	14	1	15	6	4	0	10	4	0	200	150	1,395 47
" Curtisville,	1824, Dec. 22	[Albert Nash, *Meth.*,]		1872, *A. p.*	18	35	53	12	0	1	1		3	0	3	0	0	70	60	70.50
Washington, Un. ch.,	1772.	*None.*			9	9	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. Stockbridge, Centre,	1789, June 14	Lewis Pennell, (*retired,*)	1833, Sept. 17	1854, Dec. 6	15	26	41	5	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		40	14.00
" Village,	1833.	Charles Newman,	1858, May 18	1872, *A. p.*	34	68	102	12	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	175	100	65.92
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765.	Albert C. Sewall,	1871, Oct. 13	1873, Feb. 26	133	198	331	125	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	0	4	120	90	246.89
" College ch.,	1834, June 15	Mark Hopkins, D. D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	25	3	28	19	0	1	1		4	0	4	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch., South,	1836.	Edward H. Griffin,	1865, Feb. 6	1872, *A. p.*	16	24	40	11	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	56	26	20.00
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772.	Francis Hawley,		1872, *A. p.*	13	13	26	10	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	60	35.00
TOTAL: 33 churches.					1466	2960	4426	793	108	128	236	74	138	0	212	39	49	4588	2963	$13,524.07

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch. M. 1873, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.								Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To	De.	Di.	Ex.	To	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Attleboro', 1st ch., West,	1712, Nov. 12	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1869, *A. p.*	25	72	97	25	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	95	59	$67.38
" 2d ch., East,	1748, Nov. 30	Samuel Bell,	1809, Sept. 1	1872, Dec. 18	57	165	222	15	0	0	0	8	4	0	12	0	1	300	215	
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737, Nov. 1	Samuel Fairley,	1850.	1873, *A. p.*	53	78	131	21	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	130	70	125.00
" *Trin. Cong. ch.,	1848, June 30	*None.*			8	22	30	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	34	77.26
Dartmouth, South,	1807, April.	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	13	38	51	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	128	82	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710, reo. 1826	Ebenezer Dawes,	1864, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	36	58	94	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	90		129.00
Easton,	Unknown.	*None.*			38	101	139	39	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	166	83	257.49
Fairhaven,	1794, July 23	Winfield S. Hawkes,	1868, Nov. 12	1873, June 25	50	157	207	56	0	0	0	6	6	0	12	0	0	175	120	
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816, Jan. 9	Wm. W. Adams, D. D.,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	54	156	210	56	5	3	8	0	2	0	2	1	6	433		3.230.00
" Central ch.,	1842, Nov. 16	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	140	229	369	30	40	18	58	6	6	0	12	14	7	900	504	8,103.25
Freetown, Assonet,	1807, Apr. 24	William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20	1872, Dec. 17	19	32	51	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	65	55	
Mansfield,	1838, May 9	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26	1856. Mar. 26	38	80	118	10	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	200	140	108.00
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696.	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	13	32	45	19	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0		100	70	75 00
" North ch.,	1807, Oct. 15	Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	120	282	402	88	7	7	14	9	6	0	15	5	7	405	270	3,010.00
" Trin. ch.,	1831, Nov. 15	Matthew C. Julien,	1872, Dec. 11	1872, Dec. 11	59	101	160		10	3	13	0	6	0	6		1	308	199	684.47
" Pacific ch.,	1844, Oct. 8	J. Lambdin Harris,	1860, Sept.	1873, *A. p.*	51	135	186	27	11	13	24	2	3	0	5	5	0	303	180	288.39
Norton,	1832, Apr. 3	Timothy Atkinson,	1832, Oct.	1872, *A. p.*	29	88	117	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	65	
Raynham,	1731, Oct. 19	*None.*			45	96	141	36	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	82	65	95.47
Rehoboth,	1721, Nov. 29	*None.*			49	75	124	18	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	1	1	155	105	
Seekonk, (and East Providence, R. I.,)	1643.	Hiram E. Johnson,	1859.	1872, *A. p.*	72	105	177	35	12	3	15	2	4	0	6	9	0	153	120	321.25
Somerset,	1861, July 3	*None.*			20	30	50	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	60	
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637, May.	Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17	1860, May 16	32	79	111		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	70	50.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1821, Aug. 17	{ Erastus Maltby, (*ret.*,) / Stephen M. Newman,	1824, Sept. 29 / 1871, Oct. 7	1826, Jan. 18 / 1871, Oct. 7	105	259	364	96	0	3	3	7	2	0	9	0	1	250	170	1,936.41
" Winslow ch.,	1837, Jan. 12	Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	66	141	207	43	2	12	14	3	5	1	9	1	2	300	165	†
" Ev. Cong. ch., East,	1853, June 16	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1866, *A. p.*	8	24	32	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	90	50	71.33
" Un. ch., Whittenton,	1868, Apr. 2	H. Morton Dexter,	1873, Apr. 30	1873, Apr. 30	25	53	78	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	190	140	
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.,	1858, May 31	Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23	1868, June 30	8	23	31	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	97	68	62.42
TOTAL: 27 churches.					1233	2711	3944	866	99	66	165	63	59	3	125	42	38	5642	3059	$18,692.12

DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700.	*None.*			9	15	24	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15	12	$2.00
Edgartown,	1641, July.	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1870, *A. p.*	24	70	94	30	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	80		100.00
Tisbury, 1st ch., West,	1673.	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p.*	35	39	74	4	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	75	46.00
TOTAL: 3 churches.					68	124	192	38	2	2	4	6	0	0	6	2	2	175	160	$148.00

* Virtually disbanded, since January 1.

† $20,000 for new church.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch. M. 1873, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.						Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amesbury, West,	1726, May 19	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	93	180	273	5	24	10	34	7	3	1	11	17	0	303	167	$1,000.00
" Mills,	1831, Dec. 6	Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 4	1871, Dec. 27	51	141	192	39	2	5	7	2	3	0	5	2	0	262	186	349.00
" and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch.,	1835, Oct. 14	*None.*			30	69	99	7	3	0	3	2	3	2	7	0	1	175	157	154.58
Andover, South ch.,	1711, Oct. 17	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10	1861, Dec. 18	79	250	329	71	18	27	45	9	11	0	20	6	6	280	193	3,000.04
" West ch.,	1826, Dec. 5	James H. Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26	1856, Apr. 30	68	157	225	43	1	3	4	7	7	2	16	0	0	150	105	2,646.00
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846, May 7	George F. Wright,	1863, Aug. 26	1872, *A. p.*	52	149	201	46	19	8	27	0	8	0	8	8	4	203	147	631.45
" Ballard Vale,	1854, Dec. 31	Henry S. Greene,	1837, Dec. 27	1855, Apr. 1	12	43	55	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	90	76	100.00
" Theo. Sem. ch.,	1865, Nov. 1	*Professors.*		*A. p.*	34	44	78	12	2	8	10	0	2	0	2	0	5	375	328	1,341.63
Beverly, 2d ch., North,	1715, Dec. 28	Alexander T. Sessions,	1836, June 6	1872, *A. p.*	8	27	35	7	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	0	87	54	138.90
" Dane st. ch.,	1802, Nov. 9	O. T. Lanphear, D. D.,	1849, Oct. 25	1867, Oct. 23	75	173	248	7	4	0	4	4	1	0	5	2	10	501	285	1,127.23
" Washington st. ch.,	1837, Feb. 8	*None.*			41	121	162	12	1	1	2	8	2	0	10	1	3	200	137	554.16
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702.	Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	36	86	122	18	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	140	100	165.72
" West,	1736, Dec. 9	*None.*			19	33	52	5	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	40	0
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682, Dec. 27	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24	1866, Jan. 11	115	239	354	30	12	5	17	6	1	0	7	8	0	507	325	2,156.89
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671.	Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7	1863, Sept. 2	41	134	175	17	2	0	2	5	3	0	8	2	3	221	170	710.00
" Maple st. ch.,	1844, Dec. 5	James Brand,	1869, Oct. 6	1869, Oct. 6	83	205	288	20	7	4	11	2	2	0	4	5	0	380	239	*650.00
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681, Sept. 9	D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June 18	1870, June 30	35	94	129	3	3	2	5	6	4	0	10	2	0	220	145	135.37
Georgetown,	1732, Oct. 4	{ Charles Beecher, / Thomas R. Beeber,	1844, Nov. 9 / 1873, Jan. 30	1857, Nov. 19 / 1873, Jan. 30	43	112	155	39	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	175	93	190.86
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1864, Jan. 27	D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept. 16	1868, Sept. 16	34	86	120	13	1	7	8	3	1	0	4	0	2	155	105	322.03
Gloucester, West,	1716, Oct. 4	Luther Farnham,	1844, Nov. 20	1872, *A. p.*	12	13	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	28	25.00
" Harbor, Ev. ch.,	1829, Nov. 17	Frank B. Makepeace,		1873, *A. p.*	52	122	174	27	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	1	4	219	147	700.00
" " Lanesville,	1830, Aug. 25	William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28	1871, *A. p.*	28	58	86	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	3	200	100	51.30
Groveland,	1727, June 7	John C. Paine,	1838, June 6	1870, Apr. 20	33	89	122	0	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	210	110	210.45
Hamilton,	1714, Oct. 27	Calvin G. Hill,	1872, Sept. 5	1872, Sept. 5	39	67	106	30	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	123	62	†0
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735, Oct. 22	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17	1866, Nov. 8	59	81	140	25	5	2	7	2	2	0	4	3	0	145	92	299.64
" East,	1744, Nov. 28	*None.*			5	17	22	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	76	44	10 00
" Centre,	1833, Aug. 28	Charles M. Hyde, D. D.,	1862, Aug. 19	1870, Nov. 15	67	177	244	21	14	13	27	3	5	0	8	14	2	319	183	3,604.14
" " No. ch.,	1859, Mar. 30	Raymond H. Seeley, D. D.,	1843, July 5	1860, Aug. 8	92	204	296	34	5	7	12	3	1	0	4	3	2	414	265	5,114.54
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634.	Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, Feb. 5	45	147	192	34	6	4	10	10	5	0	15	5	0	219	132	548 09
" South ch.,	1747, Aug. 22	*None.*			30	143	173	39	9	1	10	1	3	0	4	1	0	150	100	200.00
" and Rowley—Linebrook,	1749, Nov. 15	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov. 5	1871, May 3	26	33	59	21	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	45	35	47.00
Lawrence, Lawr. st. ch.,	1847, Apr. 19	Caleb E. Fisher.	1843, Aug. 23	1859, Apr. 13	141	300	441	125	4	11	15	1	11	0	12	2	14	419	300	2,731.00
" Central ch.,	1849, Dec. 25	William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13	1867, Nov. 13	119	238	357	150	5	10	15	0	2	0	2	4	4	166	118	730.86
" Eliot ch.,	1865, Oct. 4	Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6	1871, June 14	30	69	99	20	0	6	6	1	8	0	9	0	5	125	90	607.82
" South ch.,	1868. May 13	Clark Carter,	1870, Apr. 27	1873, Jan. 30	21	36	57	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	135	104	30.73

* $8,000 for church repairs. † $3,400 for parsonage.

Lynn, 1st ch.,	1632, Aug.	Stephen R. Dennen,	1855, July 11	1872, Nov. 13	53	141	194	18	6	8	14	7	11	0	18	5	0	286	131	$250.00
" Central ch.,	1850, Dec. 11	Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3	1865, May 17	42	127	169	27	5	12	17	2	5	0	7	2	0	299	168	948.10
" Chestnut st. ch.,	1857, Feb. 10	Webster Patterson,	1870, Apr. 28	1869, June 12	14	50	64	4	8	4	12	2	1	1	4	7	1	160	97	250.00
" North ch.,	1869, May 6	James M. Whiton, PH.D.,	1865, May 10	1872, Feb. 13	30	80	110	9	5	8	13	2	3	0	5	0	1	212	113	395.80
Lynnfield, Cen. Av. ch.,	1720, Aug. 17	*None.*			21	56	77	20	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	3	0	85	60	76.403
" 2d ch.,	1854, Jan. 18	Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, *A. p.*	4	17	21	6	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	45	35	8.600
Manchester, Or.Con.ch.,	1716, Nov. 7	George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1	1869, Apr. 7	52	144	196	14	1	1	2	5	5	0	10	1	0	218	119	1,523.9
Marblehead, 1st ch.,	1684, Aug. 13	*None.*			37	167	204	20	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	0	2	265	198	235.54
" 3d ch.,	1858, Sept. 28	Edw. A. Lawrence, D.D.,	1839, May 15	1868, Nov. 18	15	71	86	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	135	75	2510.00
Methuen, 1st ch.,	1729, Oct. 29	Thomas G. Grassie,	1863, Mar. 31	1867, Sept. 10	50	125	175	27	7	7	14	2	2	0	4	6	0	200	140	6985.00
Middleton,	1729, Oct. 22	Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7	1869, Oct. 7	40	101	141	10	6	1	7	6	0	0	6	5	2	160	105	* 1696.51
Newbury, 1st ch.,	1635, Spring.	Leon. Withington, D.D., Omar W. Folsom,	1816, Oct. 31 1872, Oct. 31	1816, Oct. 31 1872, Oct. 31	36	125	161	30	0	3	3	5	0	1	6	0	2	150	86	91.11 369.17
" Byfield ch.,	1706.	William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9	1868, *A. p.*	34	60	94	23	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	82	35	50.00
Newburyport, North ch.,	1768, Mar. 4	*None.*			60	250	310	43	16	1	17	4	0	0	4	10	4	255	172	87.25
" 4th ch.,	1793, May 30	Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30	1837, Oct. 12	62	157	219		8	0	8	4	1	0	5	4	2	106	86	62.00
" Belleville,	1808, Apr. 2	Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	1847, Aug. 18	1847, Aug. 18	64	166	230	23	6	4	10	10	2	0	12	6	1	306	187	1,140.00
" Whitefield ch.,	1850, Jan. 1	Saml. J. Spalding, D. D.,	1846, Oct. 26	1851, June 30	51	129	180	41	2	5	7	5	5	0	10	1	2	190	101	700.00
North Andover, Ev. ch.,	1834, Sept. 3	Rufus C. Flagg,	1872, Sept. 26	1872, Sept. 26	48	103	151	37	2	4	6	5	12	0	17	0	0	220	175	1,037.00
Peabody,	1713, Sept. 13	George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3	1869, Mar. 11	77	217	294	27	14	7	21	4	5	0	9	10	2	562	338	280.65
Rockport, 1st ch.,	1755, Feb. 13	Charles C. McIntire,	1861, Sept. 17	1871, Dec. 28	107	186	293	12	2	5	7	5	4	0	9	0	0	280	92	243.11
Rowley,	1639.	Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14	1869, Nov. 9	44	101	145	23	10	2	12	7	0	0	7	8	0	60	44	65.00
Salem, Tabernacle ch.,	1629, Aug. 6	*None.*			53	270	323	30	2	6	8		10	0	10			215	116	1,200.00
" South ch.,	1735, Apr. 1	Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23	1864, Oct. 13	78	298	376		1	3	4	6	2	0	8	1		0	0	0
" Crombie st. ch.,	1832, May 3	Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29	1868, Jan. 29	45	187	232	35	12	5	17	4	7	0	11	3	0	0	75	60	37.50
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,	1718, Nov. 19	*None.*			1	6	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	180	83	274.70
Saugus, Centre,	1732, Dec. 5	Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7	1869, Mar. 18	18	34	52	8	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	4	11		65	40	16.98
Swampscott, 1st ch.,	1846, July 15	Henry W. Jones,	1866, May 24	1871, July 6	13	62	75	10	17	6	23	0			1	42	8	6	549	294	4,485.66
Topsfield,	1663.	James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2	1871, June 22	41	110	151	12	1	2	3		4	10	0	14	2	0	226	171	992.16
Wenham,	1644, Oct. 8	Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Oct. 13	23	59	82	12	0	0	0		5	4	0	9	12	8	409	385	9,901.26
West Newbury, 1st ch.,	1698, Oct. 26	Nathaniel Lasell,	1835.	1869, *A. p.*	27	46	73	1	0		20	3	13	2	18	4	3	333	196	1,100.00
" 2d ch.,	1731, Sept. 1	Seneca M. Keeler,	1862, July 8	1872, June 13	35	104	139	20	3	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	2	70	55	133.45
TOTAL: 66 churches.					3042	7926	10968	1595	308	6	5	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	70	50	75.00
										0	2	2	6	2	0	8	0	0	40	30	
										2	8	10	6	8	0	14	0	6	290	227	1,585.40
									38	17	9	26	4	1	0	5	8	3	350	230	1,510.04
								17	35	0	1	1	4	4	0	8	0	0	106	80	416.49
								69	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	74	121.22
							1	78	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	100		222.54
							1	204	63	3	7	10	6	3	0	9	2	2	180	96	161.83
							29	109	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	80	60	
							722	5412	805	152	157	309	114	139	14	267	70	56	5670	3654	$27,346.60

* $5,000 legacies.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch. M. 1873, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.														Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
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Ashfield,	1763, Feb. 22	James Dingwell,	1872, Aug. 28	1872, Aug. 28	47	92	139	17	0	0	0	1	7	0	8	5	90	76	100.00								
Bernardston,	1824, Jan. 13	*None.*			15	31	46	8	1	0	1	2	2	0	4												
Buckland,	1785, Oct.	C. M. Guild,		1873, *A. p.*	26	56	82	12	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	87	54	138.90								
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	1788.	Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, Sept. 4	30	71	101	16	6	3	9	1	3	1	5	5	90	285	1,127.23								
" East,	1845, Aug. 6	Wellington Newell,		*P. e.*	21	39	60	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	137	554.16								
Coleraine,	1750.	David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21	1867, June 13	16	54	70	20	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	95	165.72								
Conway,	1768, July 14	Arthur Shirley,	1872, July 3	1872, July 3	72	141	213	15	0	2	2	7	9	1	17	0	2	196	128	0							
Deerfield, South,	1818, June 30	Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15	1873, Jan. 14	104	176	280	50	0	8	8	4	11	0	15	0	3	175	100	6.89							
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	1835, June 2	Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20	1858, Jan. 13	21	54	75	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	50	42	00							
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Sept. 19	Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18	1872, *A. p.*	11	18	29	10	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	65	48	00							
Gill,	1793, Sept. 18	Edmund S. Potter,	1843, May 23	1868, *A. p.*	18	45	63	12	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	126	85	37							
Greenfield, 1st ch.,	1754, Mar. 28	Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3	1872, Mar. 7	25	56	81	17	1	3	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	90	75	86							
" 2d ch.,	1817, Jan. 15	Frank A. Warfield,	1871, Jan. 11	1873, July 30	69	121	190		5	7	12	3	12	0	15	1		375	193								
Hawley, 1st ch., East,	1778, Sept. 16	Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1	1870, *A. p.*	30	50	80	20	5	1	6	3	0	0	3	0	6	70	50	3							
" West,	1825, Aug. 24	John Eastman,	1834, Aug.	1871, *A. p.*	14	22	36	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	120	75	1							
Heath,	1785, Apr. 15	[Chas. W. Fifield, *Lic.*]		1872, *A. p.*	8	18	26	4	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	1	2	40	25								
Leverett,	1784.	Asa F. Clark,		1873, *A. p.*	21	29	50	6	0	1	1	3	3	0	6	0	1	99	35								
Montague, 1st ch.,	1752, Nov. 22	*None.*			75	128	203	14	3	6	9	4	16	0	20	1	1	190	142	7.							
" Miller's Falls,	1872, Jan. 25	Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28	1872, *A. p.*	14	26	40	5	12	28	40	0	0	0	0	5	0	58	43	2							
New Salem,	1845, Aug. 15	David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12	1863, *A. p.*	8	37	45	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	75	50	2							
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1825, Nov. 30	Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11	1870, Aug. 17	22	46	68	8	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	1	0	99	75	10							
Orange, North,	1843, Aug. 16	John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3	1866, Nov. 1	9	25	34	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25	11.							
" Central ch.,	1846, Sept. 23	Robert C. Bell,	1869, Nov. 3	1872, Oct. 9	61	115	176	34	21	14	35	3	1	0	4	15	0	175	135	200.							
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	1770.	A. F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 31	1870, Oct. 25	66	105	171	7	3	4	7	1	8	0	9	2	3	225	166	500.0							
" Falls,	1850, Mar. 6	Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5	1869, Dec. 15	57	120	177	20	4	3	7	2	3	0	5	0	6	212	145	375.0							
Shutesbury,	1742, Oct. 27	John P. Watson,	1862, June 22	1871, *A. p.*	22	31	53	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	100	50	2 00							
Sunderland,	1718.	David Peck,	1852, Oct. 13	1867, Dec. 18	130	173	303	4	47	6	53	4	0	0	4	19	7	215	150	920.25							
Warwick, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1829, June 9	*None.*			17	42	59	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	70	50	140.81							
Wendell, Centre, 1st ch.,	1774, Nov. 29	Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4	1869, *A. p.*	9	14	23	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	60	40	31.00							
Whately,	1771, Aug. 13	John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17	1860, Oct. 17	52	89	141	14	2	3	5	5	3	0	8	1	1	95	60	163.42							
TOTAL: 30 churches.					1090	2024	3114	396	118	96	214	61	110	2	173	55	43	3411	2308	$6,526.28							

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Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762, Nov. 19	Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	14	43	57	12	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	94	50	$54.03
" Cong. ch.,	1819, Sept. 5	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	43	95	138	12	10	3	13	4	0	1	5	3	0	80	60	225.00
Blandford,	1735.	Aaron W. Field,	1872, Nov. 13	1872, Nov. 13	30	64	94	6				3	3	0	6	0	1	95	60	
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724, Nov. 18	M. Bradford Boardman,	1863, Oct. 1	1870, Dec. 1	51	132	183	58	1	3	4	6	2	0	8	0	1	215	80	446.54
Chester, Centre,	1769, Dec. 20	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	26	36	62	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50		40.00
" 2d ch., Depot,	1844, Nov. 13	Edward A. Smith,	1865, Nov. 21	1865, *A. p.*	12	22	34	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	48	25.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752, Sept. 27	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	28	44	72	7	0	6	6	3	7	0	10	0	0	62	48	296.51
" 2d ch., Falls,	1830, July 3	Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16	1868, Apr. 8	66	120	186	40	2	6	8	2	3	0	5	1	6	105	72	* 491.11
" 3d ch.,	1834, Oct. 16	Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20	1869, June 10	58	162	220	20	1	16	17	1	6	0	7	1	4	404	252	969.17
Granville, East,	1747.	Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24	1871, Dec. 13	16	43	59	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			50.00
" West,	1786.	Henry H. Olds,	1872, May 22	1872, May 22	23	36	59	10	9	2	11	2	2	0	4	0	1	80	55	87.25
Holland,	1765, Sept. 12	Daniel J. Bliss,	1868, Dec. 9	1868, Dec. 9	15	27	42	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	75	40	62.00
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1799, Dec. 4	Theodore L. Day,	1872, Dec. 21	1872, Dec. 21	34	55	89	10	3	1	4	6	2	0	8	3	0	70	40	40.00
" 2d ch.,	1849, May 24	John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	83	203	286	17	4	15	19	2	13	0	15	3	3	337		700.00
Longmeadow,	1716, Oct. 17	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	40	92	132	6	9	3	12	3	2	0	5	1	2	100	85	1,037.00
" East,	1829, Apr. 22	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	29	71	100	19	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	83	44	280.65
Ludlow,	1790.	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Dec. 21	1866, Nov. 2	37	86	123	19	1	3	4	3	4	0	7	1	2	125	92	243.11
" Mills,	1867, Jan. 6	Simeon Miller,		1872, *A. p.*	4	26	30	10	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	60	44	65.00
Monson,	1762, May 23	Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	68	158	226	56	4	3	7	5	2	2	9	0	0	215	116	1,200.00
Montgomery,	1797, June 30	*No public services.*			2	7	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1753.	Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p*	18	38	56	6	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	0	0	75	60	37.50
" 2d ch.,	1847, Nov. 1	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	33	76	109	18	3	4	7	4	6	8	18	2	3	180	83	274.70
Southwick,	1773, Aug. 16	C. M. Perry,		1873, *A. p.*	22	56	78	13	13	1	14	2	4	0	6	11		65	40	16.98
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637.	Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	166	440	606	76	20	26	46	15	26	1	42	8	6	549	294	4,485.66
" Olivet ch.,	1833, Jan. 8	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	73	192	265	24	4	7	11	4	10	0	14	2	0	226	171	992.16
" South ch.,	1842, Mar. 23	S. G. Buckingham, D. D.,	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	131	262	393	40	26	5	31	5	4	0	9	12	8	499	385	9,901.26
" North ch.,	1846, Oct. 28	Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25	1866, Sept. 19	121	244	365	72	9	11	20	3	13	2	18	4	3	333	196	1,100.00
" Indian Orchard,	1848, Mar. 23	*None.*			14	29	43	13	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	2	70	55	133.45
" Sanford st. ch.,	1864, Feb. 24	*None.*			20	30	50	6	6	5	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	70	50	75.00
Tolland,	1797.	*None.*			28	27	55	10	0	2	2	6	2	0	8	0	0	40	30	
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679, Aug. 27	A. J. Titsworth,	1873, June 4	1873, June 4	90	231	321	42	2	8	10	6	8	0	14	0	6	290	227	1,585.40
" 2d ch.,	1856, May 22	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	105	188	293	38	17	9	26	4	1	0	5	8	3	350	230	1,510.04
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698, June.	*None.*			38	79	117	35	0	1	1	4	4	0	8	0	0	106	80	416.49
" Mittineaque,	1850, Jan. 10	Henry M. Rogers,	1865, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	19	50	69	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	74	121.22
" Park st. ch.,	1871, July 10	*None.*			20	58	78	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	100		222.54
Wilbraham,	1741, June 24	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	73	131	204	63	3	7	10	6	3	0	9	2	2	180	96	161.83
" South,	1785.	Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12	1869, Mar. 3	40	69	109	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	80	60	
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1690	3722	5412	805	152	157	309	114	139	14	267	70	56	5670	3654	$27,346.60

* $3,400 on house.

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Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739, Nov. 7	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 18	1863, Sept. 24	104	282	386	55	7	21	28	9	8	0	17	3	3	240	187	$794.88
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782, Nov. 11	Charles A. Conant,	1864. July 2	1872, *A. p.*	47	138	185		0	9	9	1	1	0	2					43.00
" College ch.,	1826, Mar. 7	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns, D.D	1831, Dec. 7	1854, Nov. 21	45	27	72	5	7	7	14	1	4	0	5	1	0	30	20	1,163.37
" " Mission Branch,					3	7	10											40	30	
" North ch., North,	1826, Nov. 15	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 10	1867, Sept. 19	118	173	291	14	53	1	54	5	4	0	9	31	2	239	153	465.21
" ch. of South,	1858, June 8	George Lyman,	1851, Nov. 14	1869, May 5	43	70	113	10	0	3	3	2	5	0	7	0	1	130	90	377.00
Belchertown,	1737.	Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10	1871, May 10	103	201	304	56	4	7	11	5	14	0	19	3	2	260	147	313.10
Chesterfield,	1764, Oct. 30	*None.*			9	28	37	5	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	90	60	0
Cummington, E.Vil. ch.,	1839, July 1	Edward Clark,		1873, *A. p.*	32	56	88	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75		125.00
" West Village ch.,	1840, Sept. 20	O. S. Morris,		1873, *P. e.*	11	26	37	3	6	6	12	9	2	0	11	2		60		95.00
asthampton, 1st ch.,	1785, Nov. 17	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10	1863, Mar. 2	94	190	284	11	6	8	14	3	6	0	9	2	5	167		
" Payson ch.,	1852, Dec. 28	Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17	1863, Oct. 14	126	268	394	36	10	6	16	10	15	0	25	3	9	300	209	2,098.00
Enfield,	1790.	Edward C. Ewing,	1853, Nov. 5	1867, Oct. 9	79	174	253	38	2	3	5	5	4	1	10	1	2	200	120	2,357.00
Goshen,	1780, Dec. 21	*None.*			20	53	73	12	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	75	50	64.09
Granby,	1762.	Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7	1871, Mar. 1	70	132	202	32	12	1	13	5	11	0	16	4	1	225	140	
Greenwich,	1749.	Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 5	1843, July 5	38	97	135	33	0	3	3	5	7	0	12	0	2	155	90	256.74
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659.	Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12	1848, Jan. 12	70	127	197	21	35	3	38	3	1	0	4	12	14	181	114	389.77
" 2d ch., North,	1831, Oct. 26	James M. Bell,	1858, July 21	1873, June 4	68	110	178	25	55	4	59	2	2	0	4	40	4	167	118	211.00
" Russell ch.,	1841, July 15	Edward S. Dwight,	1844, Dec. 25	1864, Sept. 27	46	94	140	13	37	4	41	2	1	0	3	13	1	80	52	568.49
Hatfield,	1670.	*None.*			92	164	256	15	3	2	5	2	3	0	5	3	12	162	119	1,383.88
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778, July.	Edwin S. Tingley,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, *A. p.*	28	49	77	9	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	90	55	35.00
" 2d ch.,	1846, Aug. 26	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20	1867, Apr. 10	28	70	98	9	2	3	5	0	5	0	5	2	0	92	60	149.70
Middlefield,	1783, Nov. 18	Charles M. Pierce,	1863, Sept. 2	1868, July 1	38	61	99	18	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0	115		380.60
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661, June 18	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec. 1	1867, Apr. 30	137	343	480	50	3	12	15	6	15	0	21	1	5	300	225	5,000.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833, Jan. 30	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25	1852, Jan. 2	112	229	341	20	8	13	21	3	9	0	12	4	7	318	180	1,450.00
" Florence ch.,	1861, Oct. 9	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20	1866, Dec. 6	72	158	230	38	9	7	16	5	9	0	14	9	2	200	142	1,800.00
Pelham,	1837, Oct. 26	*None.*			10	29	39	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	19	0
" Packardville,	1869, Jan. 5	William K. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21	1871, June 28	10	18	28	5	2	0	2		0	0		2	0	59	32	26.35
Plainfield,	1786, Aug. 31	Charles Redfield,		*P. e.*	51	86	137	24	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	175	80	215.00
Prescott,	1823, Jan. 15	David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20	1858, June 8	16	26	42	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	60	40	
Southampton,	1743, June 8	Rufus P. Wells,	1846, Sept. 26	1869, Jan. 5	91	148	239	41	1	2	3	9	8	0	17	0	2	173	92	269.00
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733, (about.)	*None.*			118	217	335	29	3	7	10	6	6	0	12	1	6	300	212	1,013.54
" Falls,	1824, Aug. 12	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27	1867, Oct. 2	57	109	166	32	0	8	8	5	0	0	5	0	2	200	123	370.05
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824, Aug. 12	Richard Knight,	1837, May 6	1856, Sept. 10	45	104	149	35	0	7	7	1	8	0	9	0	9	195	140	1,053.00
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751, May 9	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16	1861, Oct. 10	37	104	141	37	4	5	9	3	1	0	4	4	0	171	84	232.81
" East ch.,	1826, Apr. 26	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.,	1844, Sept. 18	1855, Dec. 5	109	237	346	43	23	9	32	5	4	1	10	10	8	402	207	4,491.23
Westhampton,	1779, Sept. 1	*None.*			86	121	207	31	17	6	23	3	9	0	12	2	1	150	96	520.06
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771, July 3	John F. Gleason,	1873, Jan. 7	1873, Jan. 7	86	156	242	30	3	10	13	4	8	0	12	2		238	160	586.70
" Haydenville,	1851, Jan. 4	James P. Kimball,	1857, May 13	1871, Nov. 8	47	155	202	42	12	4	16	5	1	0	6	5	1	295	216	815.00
Worthington,	1771, Apr. 1	*None.*			60	104	164	20	1	2	3	4	4	0	8	1	1	200	98	223.00
TOTAL: 39 churches.					2456	4941	7397	965	329	186	515	143	185	3	331	163	103	6756	4324	$29,337.17

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Acton,	1832, Mar. 13	Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 24	1872, Oct. 10	50	112	162	34	2	3	5	3	2	0	5	2	0	150	109	$306.50
Arlington,	1842, Dec. 14	Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845, Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	46	126	172	38	10	13	23	1	4	0	5	6	1	208	153	2,467.71
Ashby,	1776, June 12	George F. Walker,		1873, *P. e.*	55	119	174	29	8	0	8	4	3	0	7	5	0	215	120	525.41
Ashland,	1835, Jan. 21	E. P. Tenney,		1873, *A. p.*	41	87	128	19	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	157	103	101.00
Ayer,	1861, Sept. 5	Francis J. Fairbanks,	1864, Aug. 31	1872, *A. p.*	25	41	66	23	1	5	6	0	2	0	2	0	2	102	80	365.91
Bedford,	1730, July 15	Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8	1869, Feb. 17	35	114	149		7	2	9	1	4	0	5	2	0	120	80	141.61
Belmont, Waverley,	1865, July 11	*None.*			10	12	22		0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	55	115.00
Billerica,	1829, Apr. 20	*None.*			17	34	51	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	54	66.34
Boxborough,	1784, Apr. 29	*None.*			31	31	62	13	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	60	157.30
Brighton,	1827, Sept. 13	David T. Packard,	1854, Sept. 21	1866, Dec. 6	39	97	136	43	11	1	12	0	3	0	3	6	2	112	89	636.06
Burlington,	1735, Oct. 29	*None.*			17	36	53	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	150.00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636, Feb. 1	Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	98	274	372	50	1	6	7	9	10	0	19	0	14	306	194	
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827, Sept. 20	William S. Karr,	1854, Sept.	1873, Jan. 15	112	323	435	98	7	7	14	4	38	0	42	3	1	325	205	3,773.12
" East,	1842, Sept. 8	*None.*			36	78	114	28	4	0	4							180	100	
" North Avenue,	1857, Sept. 23	David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	116	214	330	32	17	30	47	10	13	0	23	3	5	290	188	1,000.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1865, Nov. 21	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	102	192	294	27	66	47	113	6	34	1	41	24	34	470	341	336.34
" " Chapel ch.,	1872, Oct. 16	John K. Browne,	1872, Oct. 16	1872, Oct. 16	15	33	48	0	2	46	48	0	0	0	0			160	120	50.00
Carlisle,	1830, May 5	Moses Patten,	1860, June 7	1871, *A. p.*	9	48	57	19	4	2	6	4	3	0	7	2		80	53	92.00
Charlestown, 1st ch.,	1632, Nov. 2	Francis F. Ford,	1857, Oct. 5	1872, Dec. 11	74	214	288		0	0	0	4	8	0	12	0	0	218	148	292.87
" Winthrop ch.,	1833, Jan. 9	Alexander S. Twombly,	1859, Feb. 10	1872, May 2	142	312	454	81	3	14	17	6	21	0	27	0	0	580	330	3,750.00
Chelmsford, 2d ch., Nor.,	1824, Apr. 27	Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 21	1870.	27	58	85	20	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	120	81	66.50
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826.	Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1	1872, *P. e.*	20	54	74	20	2	1	3	1	1		2			80	50	327 52
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721, Mar. 29	Benjamin F. Clark,	1839, Aug. 1	1872, *A. p.*	18	51	69	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	56	94.50
" Pawtucket ch.,	1797, Aug. 31	Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Sept. 1	40	70	110	15	9	8	17	2	4	0	6	6	0	125	75	338 47
" Central ch.,	1847, July 25	Elias Nason,	1852, May 5	1868, *A. p.*	29	45	74	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	65	56	0
Dunstable,	1757, May 12	*None.*			20	45	65	17	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	27		100.00
Everett,	1861, Oct. 30	Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23	1869, Mar. 25	33	74	107	12	5	4	9	3	0	0	3	2	0	170	120	161.21
Framingham, Plym. ch.,	1701, Dec. 8	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	74	201	275	27	16	11	27	3	43	0	46	4	5	214	160	2,136.93
" Saxonville, Edw. ch.,	1835, May 26	Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15	1870, Nov. 3	41	113	154	43	19	3	22	7	4	0	11	1	2	100	75	166.47
[" South,	1873, Jan. 2	David M. Bean,	1863, July 22	1873, *A. p.*	17	40	57	]												
Groton,	1664, July 12	*None.*			86	188	274	27	36	4	40	3	4	0	7	22	0	260	133	1,471.31
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728, Nov. 20	George M. Adams,		1873, *P. e.*	99	290	389	30	7	4	11	8	15	0	23	2	0	310	215	1,258.59
Hopkinton,	1724, Sept. 2	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	66	139	205	41	2	5	7	1	0	0	1	2	5	315	200	1,967.74
Lexington, Hancock ch.,	1868, May 20	Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	18	35	53	6	0	12	12	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	73	187.52
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747, Aug. 18	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	29	64	93	13	2	1	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	130	99	440.00
Littleton,	1840, May 14	Henry E. Cooley,	1866, Aug. 7	1872, May 9	22	33	55	10	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	75	50	483.94
Lowell, 1st Cong. ch.,	1826, June 6	Smith Baker,	1860, July 30	1871, Sept. 13	108	377	485	114	78	20	98	6	9	0	15	54	1	546	385	811.54
" Appleton st. ch.,	1830, Dec. 2	John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	70	226	296	104	13	7	20	5	9	0	14	7	0	273	201	600.43
" John st. ch.,	1839, May 9	Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	97	294	391	75	40	11	51	5	7	0	12	20	4	430	235	632.00
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845, May 21	Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13	1871, July 13	114	302	416	100	29	13	42	5	5	0	10	15	13	304	190	3,188.41
" High st. ch.,	1846, Jan. 22	Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3	1857, Sept. 16	82	149	231	55	20	0	20	4	3	0	7	7	4	350	300	575.00
Malden, 1st ch.,	1649.	*None.*			110	208	318	51	13	8	21	4	12	0	16	6	5	489	329	1,075.93
Marlborough, Union ch.,	1836, Mar. 18	*None.*			73	171	244	25	10	16	26	1	4	1	6	4	1	200	172	723.00

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Maynard,	1852, Sept. 23	Edward S. Huntress,	1869, Sept. 3	1872, *A. p.*	62	106	168	22	4	9	13	5	7	0	12	0	0	310	220	
Medford, 1st Tr. Con. ch.,	1823, Oct. 2	James T. McCollom,	1841, June 25	1865, Nov. 8	48	127	175	53	1	4	5	1	23	0	24	0	6	169	112	$2,242.47
" Mystic ch.,	1847, July 6	Solon Cobb,	1864, Oct. 11	1869, Nov. 3	55	139	194	32	0	11	11	2	6	0	8	0	1	200	133	1,454.13
" West,	1872, June 12	Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17	1873, *A. p.*	12	16	28	2	1	28	29	1	0	0	1	0	0	95	62	
Melrose,	1848, July 11	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	40	113	162	20	11	13	24	1	8	0	9	3	4	257	182	1,184.58
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802, Feb.	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 17	110	213	323	30	8	22	30	7	4	1	12	7	4	450	293	2,060.00
" John Eliot ch., Eliot,	1859, Nov. 16	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1873, *A. p.*	12	31	43	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	62	40	125.78
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664, July 20	Daniel L. Furber,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	76	133	209	45	0	15	15	6	26	0	32	0	0			7,000.00
" 2d ch., West,	1781, Oct. 21	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1860, Sept. 26	107	167	274	35	50	21	71	5	4	0	9	36	8	275	185	1,548.52
" Eliot ch.,	1845, July 1	J. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18	1856, June 11	137	271	408	49	31	19	50	6	22	1	29	7	16	366	253	14,402.95
" Auburndale,	1850, Nov. 14	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	58	87	145	33	8	6	14	0	3	0	3	3	3	227	135	3,545.77
" North Vill.,	1866, July 11	Samuel E. Lowrey,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	22	48	70	25	5	2	7	4	3	0	7		1		130	100.00
" Newtonville,	1868, Sept. 8	James R. Danforth,	1868, Jan. 2	1873, Jan. 2	40	79	119	20	14	14	28	1	10	0	11			189	96	549.20
" Highlands,	1872, July 9	Samuel Dana,	1872, Oct. 9	1872, Oct. 9	10	23	33	0	0	33	33	0	0	0	0			107		
North Reading,	1720, June 29	Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866, June 28	1872, Oct. 16	15	62	77	10	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	85	65	212.50
Pepperell,	1747, Jan. 29	Horace Parker,	1861, May 31	1870, Mar. 17	114	226	340	41	5	4	9	10	4	0	14	3	9	312	180	758.56
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770, Feb. 21	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1872, Feb. 14	40	106	146	19	3	8	11	1	17	0	18	1	0	233	114	487.53
" Bethesda ch.,	1849, Apr. 17	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	72	151	223	23	9	3	12	1	3	0	4	4	3	250	170	840.66
Sherborn,	1685, Mar. 26	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	44	96	140	20	8	3	11	3	5	0	8	2	4	150	100	281.00
Shirley, Village,	1828, Mar. 12	Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15	1870, Apr. 20	15	33	48	10	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	80	60	87.95
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855, May 3	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1872, Feb. 1	105	205	310		6	26	32	3	20	0	23	1	6	512	346	556.00
" North, Winter Hill,	1864, June 14	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1	1872, Aug. 29	36	62	98	17	4	15	19	3	1	0	4	2	1	256	156	679.84
Stoneham,	1729, July 2	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1872, *A. p.*	25	82	107	20	0	1	1	4	4	0	8	0	1	175	105	76.20
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640, Aug.	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1870, Feb. 1	58	132	190	32	7	0	7	3	4	0	7	2	0	142	92	431.83
Tewksbury,	1735, Nov. 23	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29	1871, Nov. 1	38	92	130	40	0	2	2	0	3	1	4		1	138	96	355.72
Townsend,	1734, Oct. 16	*None.*			74	161	235	30	0	0	0	9	7	0	16	0	0	160		584.65
Tyngsborough,	1868, Apr. 7	Nathaniel Richardson,	1838, Aug. 8	1872, *A. p.*	10	32	42	7	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	85	55	400.00
Wakefield,	1645, Nov. 5	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	74	128	202		1	7	8	10	1	0	11	0	0	245	157	1,346.38
Waltham,	1820, Sept. 28	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	55	153	208	34	3	13	16	5	6	0	11		8	212	129	1,067.43
Watertown, Phillips ch.,	1855, Apr. 17	Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26	1872, July 5	47	108	155		5	6	11	0	1	0	1	2	1	120	80	378.33
Wayland,	1828, May 21	Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14	1873, July 30	33	48	81	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75		84.75
Westford,	1828, Dec. 25	Henry H. Hamilton,	1872, Sept. 12	1872, Sept. 12	23	70	93	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	67	45	113.70
Wilmington,	1733, Oct. 24	Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22	1871, Apr. 13	40	87	127	17	2	2	4	2	3	0	5	1	0	146	115	381.75
Winchester,	1840, Nov. 19	Edwin C. Bissell,	1859, Sept. 21	1871, Nov. 1	114	215	329	50	11	28	39	4	14	0	18	4	4	319	210	9,116.51
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642, Aug. 14	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28	1873, Mar. 19	209	315	524	94	0	5	5	10	6	0	16	0	1	462	275	2,750.00
" North,	1849, Nov. 22	Leander Thompson,	1838, Nov. 30	1869, *A. p.*	17	50	67	18	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	123	61	100.00
TOTAL: 78 churches.					4416	9877	14293	2506	655	640	1295	236	497	5	738	290	186	15060	10690	$87,038.87

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1736.	Henry C. Crane,	1873, Aug.	1873, *A. p.*	43	221	264	61	0	2	2	7	5	0	12	0	0	175	150	$150.00

NORFOLK COUNTY.

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Braintree, 1st ch.,	1707, Sept. 10	*None.*			47	125	172	15	1	0	1	5	0	1	6	0	1	138	106	$1,221.96
" South,	1829, Nov. 18	S. B. Andrews,	1868.	1873, *A. p.*	20	48	68	9	2	6	8	4	3	0	7	2	0	140	80	
Brookline, Harvard ch.,	1844, Aug. 26	*None.*			78	128	206	52	15	19	34	1	9	0	10	1	2	191	120	5,375.04
Canton, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1828, July 3	Joseph F. Jennison,	1857, Nov. 4	1871, *A. p.*	24	59	83	13	4	5	9	2	3	0	5	0	4	90	70	
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	1824, Nov. 24	Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9	1871, Apr. 18	18	100	118	11	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	136	80	368.71
" Beech Woods,	1863, Sept. 17	George T. Dole,	1842, Oct. 6	1873, *A. p.*	8	20	28	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		50	
Dedham, 1st ch.,	1838, Nov. 8	Jonathan Edwards,	1848, Sept. 7	1863, Jan. 1	50	180	230	30	22	4	26	3	1	0	4	9	6	225	180	1,700.00
Dover, 2d Cong. ch.,	1839, Oct. 23	Stephen E. Strong,		1873, *A. p.*	8	22	30	5	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	70	46	36.45
Foxborough,	1779, Nov. 5	Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6	1871, *A. p.*	56	166	222	17	11	5	16	5	8	0	13	6	2	299	170	690.93
Franklin,	1737, Feb. 16	Luther Keene,	1863, Feb. 11	1867, Oct. 9	69	142	211	18	5	5	10	6	10	0	16	5	4	236	132	835.01
" South,	1855, Sept. 13	Josiah Merrill,	1848, Mar. 1	1867, *A. p.*	6	24	30	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	40	
Holbrook, 2d ch.,	1818, Dec. 15	*No public services.*			16	25	41	7	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	
" Winthrop ch.,	1856, Dec. 30	S. C. Kendall,	1854, Mar. 29	1872, *A. p.*	39	88	127	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	180	115	1.314.56
Hyde Park,	1863, May 7	Perley B. Davis,	1862, Jan. 29	1867, Apr. 10	62	116	178	30	3	11	14	2	11	0	13	1	5	297	176	* 363.00
Medfield, 2d Cong. ch.,	1828, Feb. 6	Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9	1869, *A. p.*	27	80	107	23	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	70	48	395.58
Medway, 1st ch., East,	1714, (prob.)	Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1	1871, Nov. 15	43	92	135	24	1	4	5	2	3	0	5	1	3	214	110	465.00
" 2d ch., West,	1750, Oct. 4	Jacob Ide, D. D., S. W. Segur,	1814, Nov. 2	1814, Nov. 2 1873, May 7	96	196	292		1	6	7	6	5	0	11	0	3	189	122	820.16
" Village ch.,	1838, Sept. 7	David Sanford, Rufus K. Harlow,	1828, May 28 1868, Oct. 15	1838, Oct. 3 1872, Feb. 13	65	154	219	45	0	1	1	9	2	0	11	0	5	150	96	824.61
Milton, 1st ch.,	1678, Apr. 21	Albert K. Teele,	1844, July 15	1850, Dec. 18	37	70	107	31	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	60	276.00
" 2d ch., Railway,	1843, Nov. 9	" " "	" "	1865, *A. p.*	8	26	34	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	60	24.00
Needham, Wellesley,	1798, Sept. 7	George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23	1868, Jan. 23	56	93	149	26	5	7	12	3	4	0	7	3	0	196	97	881.36
" Grantville,	1847, Feb. 24	James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23	1868, Dec. 29	25	41	66	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	95	70	1,155.00
" Ev. Cong. ch.,	1857, May 6	Augustus C. Swain,	1873, June 25	1873, June 25	16	36	52	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	83	67	100.00
Norfolk,	1839, July 18	Jesse K. Bragg,	1842, Sept. 13	1869, Sept. 22	12	37	49	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	50	72.00
Norwood,	1736, June 22	Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30	1867, *A. p.*	47	91	138	26	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	156	87	201.07
Quincy, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832, Aug. 16	*None.*			32	122	154	60	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	3	10	200	125	400.00
Randolph, 1st ch.,	1731, May 28	John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4	1865, Dec. 14	43	89	132	10	3	0	3	6	2	0	8	0	0	208	160	1,985.63
Sharon, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, Jan. 25	S. Ingersoll Briant,	1868, Apr. 22	1868, Apr. 22	29	78	107	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	127	67	407.19
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	1744, Aug. 10	Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1	1856, Mar. 13	39	71	110	19	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	210	121	166.89
Walpole,	1826, Nov. 13	B. N. Seymour,		1873, *A. p.*	51	131	182	33	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	1	153	95	456.41
W. Roxbury, So. Ev. ch.,	1835, June 11	Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 4	1872, May 2	19	59	78	15	2	8	10	1	9	0	10					2,298.42
" Central ch., Jam. Pl.,	1853, Feb. 15	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1872, Oct. 8	74	128	202	50	4	15	19	3	3	0	6	2	10	289	161	1,223.19
Weymouth, 1st ch.,	1623.	Joshua Emery,	1835, May 13	1838, Jan. 25	37	73	110	9	5	0	5	2	0	1	3	4	0	100		627.52
" 2d ch., South,	1723, Sept. 8	George F. Stanton,	1866, June 6	1870, Oct. 27	31	96	127	12	4	1	5	5	4	0	9	3	0	265	156	717.00
" Landing,	1811, Aug. 14	*None.*			43	104	147		0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0		164		
" Union ch., South,	1842, Nov. 1	James McLean,	1850, Aug. 30	1872, Feb. 27	28	73	101	9	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	2	225	140	175.00
" Pilgrim ch., North,	1852, Mar. 11	Louis B. Voorhees,	1871, Dec. 6	1871, Dec. 6	20	51	71	5	12	4	16	0	0	0	0	10	1	156	100	103.35
" East,	1860, Mar.	Elbridge P. McElroy,	1870, Feb. 23	1871, Oct. 25	93	138	231	31	5	1	6	2	17	0	19	4	0	282	197	
" Lovell's Corner,	1872, Oct. 29	Joseph C. Halliday,	1864, June 8	1872, *A. p.*	7	21	28		0	28	28							100		
Wrentham, 1st ch.,	1692, Apr. 13	William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9	1866, *A. p.*	38	148	186	32	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	3	159	100	200.00
TOTAL: 40 churches.					1517	3541	5058	816	113	144	257	103	123	2	228	54	70	6208	3904	$25,881.64

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Abington, 1st ch.,	1712.	George E. Freeman,	1858, Oct. 5	1871, Dec. 26	55	86	141	7	2	5	7	9	2	0	11		1	0	220	123	$882.53
" 2d ch., South,	1807, Aug. 19	John Thompson,	1869, Sept. 22	1871, *A. p.*	79	172	251	25	1	1	2	5	2	0	7		1	0	242	168	473.46
" 3d ch., East,	1813, Aug. 27	*None.*			70	156	226	13	3	5	8	2	0	0	2		3	1	235	135	1,147.36
" 4th ch., North,	1839, Oct. 3	*None.*			23	71	94	21	0	0	0	5	1	0	6		0	0			25.00
Bridgewater, Cen. Sq. ch.,	1821, Oct. 17	Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 13	1868, Apr. 9	48	91	139	20	6	6	12	2	2	0	4		4	0	302	176	500.55
" Scotland,	1836, July 4	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29	1873, *A. p.*	18	33	51	10	0	0	0	3	2	0	5		1	0	60	42	50.00
Carver, North,	1733, May 13	William W. Livingston,	1860, Apr. 27	1873, June 12	17	51	68	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3		0	0	45	36	16.50
Duxbury, Wesl. Cong. ch.,	1843, Dec. 25	William W. Lyle,		1873, *A. p.*	22	45	67	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2		1	0	135	50	122.52
E. Bridgewater, Un. ch.,	1826, June 30	Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9	1870, *A. p.*	55	83	138	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		0	1	165	94	65.54
Halifax,	1734, Oct. 16	*None.*			19	47	66	4	1	1	2	0	5	0	5		1	0	139	60	
Hanover, 1st ch.,	1728, Dec. 5	Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6	1871, *A. p.*	9	42	51	9	1	3	4	1	1	0	2		1	0	110	60	80.90
" 2d ch., Four Corners,	1854, Apr. 12	Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4	1871, *A. p.*	19	34	53	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3		1	3	50	35	72.79
Hanson,	1748, Aug. 31	Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11	1871, *A. p.*	8	18	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	72		52.00
Hingham, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1847, Dec. 21	Austin S. Garver,	1872, Oct. 31	1872, Oct. 31	17	35	52	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		0	0	90	60	
Kingston,	1828, Mar. 19	Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30	1842, *A. p.*	16	48	64	11	1	0	1	3	0	0	3		0	0	58	41	33.00
Lakeville,	1725, Oct. 6	*None.*			39	52	91		0	0	0	3	0	0	3		0	0	100	75	
Marion,	1703, Oct. 13	Charles A. Kingsbury,	1872, Nov. 14	1872, Nov. 14	38	52	90	16	0	2	2	2	1	0	3		0	0	144	98	115.75
Marshfield, 1st ch.,	1632.	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5	1850, Oct. 30	15	54	69	4	1	2	3	1	1	0	2		1	0	137	78	322 07
" 2d ch., East,	1835, July 4	James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3	1870, Sept. 27	20	29	49	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		0	1	60	40	64 68
Mattapoisett,	1736, July 28	Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13	1871, Apr. 13	45	88	133	20	1	1	2	4	3	0	7		1	0	125	90	50.00
Middleborough, 1st ch.,	1694, Dec. 26	Ephraim N. Hidden,	1841, Sept. 1	1869, *A. p.*	92	157	249	43	0	0	0	2	4	0	6		0	0	210	175	200.00
" North,	1748.	Henry L. Edwards,	1857, July 12	1868, *A. p.*	35	105	140	11	2	1	3	7	0	0	7		2		150	100	250.60
" Central ch.,	1847, Mar. 25	Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10	1871, Sept. 20	63	138	201	13	6	1	7	6	6	0	12			1			
N. Bridgewater, 1st ch.,	1740, Oct. 15	Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12	1868, June 24	83	173	256	26	3	12	15	5	5	0	10		1	7			518.26
" So. ch., Campello,	1837, Jan. 3	*None.*			73	101	174		0	0	0	1	3	0	4		0	0			475.77
" Porter Ev. ch.,	1850, Mar. 6	Robert G. S. McNeille,		1872, Apr. 25	88	163	251	25	1	9	10	4	1	0	5		0	0	250	163	459.00
Plymouth, 2d ch., South,	1738, Nov. 8	David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29	1872, *A. p.*	26	56	82	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	2		1	0	80	65	17.41
" Ch. of the Pilgrimage,	1801, Oct. 1	George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1870, Apr. 10	73	202	275	55	11	8	19	3	3	0	6		5	1	282	181	626.81
" 4th ch., Chiltonville,	1818, June 18	William Henry Cobb,	1872, Sept. 18	1872, Sept. 18	53	87	140	31	0	1	1	4	2	0	6		0	0	90	60	15.00
" 5th ch., "	1862, Nov. 6	*None.*			38	65	103	16	0	0	0	2	3	0	5		0	0	65	40	
Plympton,	1698, Oct. 27	Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7	1868, *A. p.*	17	63	80	20	1	0	1	2	0	0	2		1	0	75	62	20.00
Rochester, Centre,	1703, Oct. 13	Nelson Clark,	1844, July 16	1871, Nov. 1	21	68	89		3	3	6	0	0	0	0		2	0	55		145.81
" North,	1763, (about.)	*None.*			2	10	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Scituate,	1635, Jan. 28	*None.*			16	56	72	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2		0	1	90	45	45.84
Wareham,	1739, Dec. 25	Isaiah C. Thacher,	1845, Dec. 25	1870, Oct. 27	30	86	116	12	0	1	1	5	2	0	7		1	3	125	70	350.00
TOTAL: 35 churches.					1342	2817	4159	543	46	62	108	94	52	0	146		29	20	4837	3075	$7,199.15

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch. M. 1873, Jan. 1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab. Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Boston, Old South ch.,	1669, May 12-16	Jacob M. Manning, D. D.,	1854, Jan. 3	1857, Mar. 11	100	251	351		5	3	8	3	3	0	6			100	70	$13,000.00
" Dorchester, 2d ch.,	1808, Jan. 1	James H. Means,	1848, July 13	1848, July 13	98	238	336	52	15	5	20	8	4	0	12	4	9	282	190	6,334.00
" Park st. ch.,	1809, Feb. 27	William H. H. Murray,	1868, Feb. 19	1868, Nov. 11	359	708	1067	275			*				*			475	390	11,000.00
" Union ch.,	1822, June 2	{Nehemiah Adams, D.D., {Henry M. Parsons,	1829, Dec. 17	1834, Mar. 26 {1854, Nov. 15	142	328	470	179	10	17	27	†2	†8	0	10	4	6	264	184	9,625.24
" Phillips ch., South,	1823, Dec. 10	Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	1850, Jan. 2	1859, Sept. 21	125	249	374	67	9	21	30	9	18	1	28	4	6	603	359	7,215.05
" Salem and Mariners' ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20	1870. *A. p.*	62	64	126	‡9	18	5	23	5	8	0	13	1	4	143	118	
" Berkeley st. ch.,	1827, Sept. 2	William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2	1867, Oct. 30	171	375	546		8	8	16	2	8	0	10	4	1	419	288	1,920.34
" Village ch.,— Dorchester,	1829, Mar. 11	William B. Clarke,	1855, May 4	1871, *A. p.*	28	67	95	8	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	2	100	75	983.83
" Eliot ch., Highlands,	1834, Sept. 18	{Aug. C. Thompson, D.D., {B. Franklin Hamilton,	1842, July 27	1842, July 27 {1871, Nov. 9	124	254	378	150	34	12	46	5	19	0	24	12	5	338	221	2,103.40
" Central ch.,	1835, May 11	John De Witt,	1865, June 9	1869, Dec. 1	100	249	349		4	9	13	4	16	0	20	2	5	310	237	12,491.33
" Maverick ch., East,	1836, May 31	John V. Hilton,		*P. e.*	129	325	454	160	5	7	12	3	18	0	21	1	29	531	330	3,779.85
" Mount Vernon ch.,	1842, June 1	{Edward N. Kirk, D. D., {Samuel E. Herrick,	1828, Oct. 23	1842, June 1 {1871, Apr. 12	173	354	527	104	11	10	21	12	24	0	36	2	6	200	137	7,275.91
" Shawmut ch.,	1845, Nov. 20	Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11	1860, Oct. 5	164	330	494	69	13	15	28	5	17	0	22		8	829	751	17,768.27
" Vine st. ch.,— Highlands,	1857, Apr. 9	John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3	1857, June 3	92	209	301	35	41	18	59	1	25	1	27	28	9	355	237	3,405.00
" Trin. ch., Neponset,	1859, Apr. 11	*None.*			21	42	63	0	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	93	71	299.44
" E street ch., South,	1860, Mar. 21	Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2	1867, June 18	81	163	244	57	12	10	22	4	5	0	9	6	3	290	171	355.82
" Chambers st. ch.,	1861, Dec. 4	*Pastor of Old South.*	*No report.*																	
" Cottage st. ch., Ward 16,	1867, July 2	*None.*			18	38	56	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	140	90	606.04
" Highland ch.,	1869, Mar. 4	Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29	1870, Sept. 29	42	78	120	8	11	3	14	3	2	0	5	5	6	375	274	1,721.27
" Walnut av. ch.,— Highlands,	1870, Dec. 19	Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10	1872, Jan. 4	47	79	126	5	5	28	33	1	0	0	1	1	2	200	170	§ 1,574.75
[" Hollanders' ch.,— Highlands,	1873, Feb. 20	Garrett Van der Kreeke,	1873, Feb. 20	1873, Feb. 20				35	]											
Chelsea, Winnisimmet c.	1841, Sept. 20	Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3	1872, Oct. 9	186	390	576	73	2	7	9	6	23	0	29	0	4	628	353	2,914.17
" Central ch.,	1851, Apr. 2	Zachary Eddy, D. D.,	1835, Mar. 16	1871, Nov. 2	108	211	319	15	20	34	54	4	13	0	17	16	5	912	531	‖ 632.00
Revere,	1828, May 9	Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19	1869, *A. p.*	8	27	35	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	99	48	32.83
TOTAL: 23 churches.					2403	5117	7520	1522	224	220	444	81	215	2	298	90	114	8142	5586	$105,038.54

*The records of Park street church for the last three years, were burned in the fire of November last. The clerk directs that the *membership* of last year be taken as the only possible basis.

† Also 19 deaths and 37 dismissals not previously reported.

† Dropped about 300 absentees.

§ $23,000 on new chapel.

‖ $10,000 on debt.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Churches, 1873, January 1.		Ministers, 1873, August.			Ch.M.1873,Jan.1.				Admit.–1872.–Rem.							Bap.		Sab.Sch.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashburnham, 1st ch.,	1760, Apr. 27	Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16	1871, *A. p.*	54	101	155	42	1	5	6	8	6	0	14	0	1	180	132	$375.19
" 2d ch.,	1860, June 29	Charles Peabody,	1841, Dec.	1872, *A. p.*	6	6	12		2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1		40	30	8.00
Athol,	1750, Aug. 23	Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 20	1868, Mar. 4	88	183	271	29	4	14	18	2	3	0	5	4	0	260	180	1,511.60
Auburn,	1776, June 25	Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	63	97	160	50	4	7	11	2	2	0	4	2	0	130	90	200.00
Barre, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1827, Aug. 15	Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11	1869, Oct. 29	71	136	207	30	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	225	175	580.00
Berlin,	1779, Apr. 9	William A. Houghton,	1853, Oct. 26	1853, Oct. 26	59	79	138	44	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	150	100	106.00
Blackstone,	1841, Apr. 15	*None.*			14	41	55	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	150	120	
Boylston,	1743, Oct. 6	S. W. Packard,		1873, *A. p.*	36	79	115	22	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	2	150	95	375.00
Brookfield,	1756, Apr. 15	Joshua Coit,	1800, Nov. 13	1800, Nov. 13	50	83	133	35	9	9	18	5	2	0	7	8	2			901.76
Charlton, Cal. Cong. ch.,	1761, Apr. 16	John Haven,	1836, Dec. 14	1850, Apr. 1	28	67	95	22	5	9	14	4	2	0	6	2	0	105	55	95.00
Clinton, 1st Ev. ch.,	1844, Nov. 14	De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11	1868, Nov. 11	112	252	364	63	61	27	88	2	13	0	15	26	1	357	254	1,298.81
Dana, Centre,	1852, Sept. 28	*None.*			10	17	27	3	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	63	28	
Douglas, 1st ch.,	1747, Nov. 11	Josiah W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14	1872, *A. p.*	24	36	60	12	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	100	70	18.00
" East,	1834, June 10	William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4	1866, Mar. 21	47	135	182	33	6	2	8	6	4	0	10	4	0	120	97	315.00
Dudley,	1732.	John W. Haley,	1864, Sept.	1872, *A. p.*	26	71	97	16	4	1	5	2	6	0	8	0	0	90	68	
Fitchburg, Calv. ch.,	1768, Jan. 27	Henry M. Tyler,	1872, May 6	1872, Dec. 4	113	214	327	33	0	6	6	5	10	0	15	0	4	200	170	3,369.68
" Rollstone ch.,	1868, Apr. 16	Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16	1868, Apr. 16	94	173	267	10	13	15	28	3	9	0	12	5	2	290	175	2,200.00
Gardner, 1st ch.,	1786, Feb. 1	*None.*			77	177	254	40	0	8	8	5	3	0	8	0	0	250	145	251.87
Grafton,	1731, Dec. 28	John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22	1868, Sept. 29	61	146	207	61	2	4	6	4	5	0	9	2	1	140	98	873.65
" Saundersville,	1860, Apr. 18	Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Aug. 1	1868, June 22	17	33	50	11	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	66	147.00
Hardwick, 1st Calv. ch.,	1736, Nov. 17	Elbridge W. Merritt,	1866, Mar. 7	1870, *A. p.*	14	41	55	15	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	0	0	60	37	200.00
" Gilbertville,	1867, Mar. 7	Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6	1870, Dec. 6	9	29	38	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	60	40	61.13
Harvard,	1733.	Alfred E. Tracy,	1872, Sept. 4	1872, Sept. 4	35	85	120	18	0	3	3	0	5	0	5	0	1	125	80	447.70
Holden,	1742, Dec. 28	William P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24	1833, Oct. 11	75	164	239	40	0	6	6	5	5	0	10	0	0	250	165	450.00
Hubbardston,	1770, Feb. 14	John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31	1870, Sept. 14	35	80	115	45	1	1	2	8	4	0	12	0	0	90	50	175.00
Lancaster,	1839, May 22	Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10	1872, May 1	40	83	123	33	3	7	10	5	3	0	8	2	0	125	72	885.29
Leicester, 1st Cong. ch.,	1721, Mar. 30	Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21	1857, Apr. 21	85	151	236	40	1	3	4	10	6	0	16	0	1	263	143	1,077.00
Leominster,	1822, Dec. 25	William J. Batt,	1859, Sept. 29	1865, Oct. 17	125	238	363	54	6	4	10	8	8	0	16	6	1	270	185	1,598.00
Lunenburg,	1835, June 10	William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5	1870, Feb. 2	35	73	108	24	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0	150	75	157.73
Milford, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741, July 15	Merrill Richardson, D.D.,	1841, Oct. 28	1872, June 12	64	176	240	30	0	8	8	8	8	0	16	0	0	225	172	484.76
Millbury, 1st ch.,	1747, Sept. 10	George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14	1872, Apr. 11	43	108	151	22	14	6	20	2	4	0	6	4	2	235	164	600.00
" 2d ch.,	1827, Aug. 23	Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1866, Dec. 6	48	114	162	30	7	1	8	5	2	0	7	2	0	120	92	1,100.00
New Braintree,	1754, Apr. 18	William B. Bond,	1840, Mar. 18	1872, Oct. 30	14	53	67	17	0	2	2	3	8	0	11	0	0	69	31	164.00
Northborough,	1832, Apr. 12	Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21	1870, *A. p.*	35	81	116	23	19	6	25	1	1	0	2	12	1	125	97	206.79
Northbridge, 1st ch.,	1782, June 6	James Wells,	1849, Apr. 1	1872, *A. p.*	19	60	79	11	0	3	3	3	4	0	7	0	0	100	75	100.00
" Whitinsville,	1834, July 31	John R. Thurston,	1859, Jan. 20	1871, Apr. 20	72	124	196	38	9	10	19	8	17	0	25	6	5	285	196	8,841.48

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North Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1752, May 28	Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, June 26	1868, Sept. 17	109	194	303		36	8	44	8	9	4	21	26	5	340	200	$1,889.70
" Union ch.,	1854, June 6	Charles E. Cooledge,		1872, *A. p.*	46	77	123	22	14	1	15	1	2	0	3	0	0	162	84	383.00
Oakham,	1773, June 23	*None.*			64	139	203	31	9	1	10	3	4	2	9	6	0	300	150	565.06
Oxford,	1821, Jan. 18	Thomas E. Babb,	1869, Jan. 19	1871, Sept. 20	54	113	167	65	11	5	16	3	9	2	14	7	0	171	110	562.30
Paxton,	1767, Sept. 3	Thomas L. Ellis,	1859, June 9	1871, Sept. 26	50	76	126	23	1	2	3	1	8	1	10	1	0	130	92	69.00
Petersham,	1823, June 25	Benjamin Ober,	1834, Jan. 1	1872, *A. p.*	*24	71	95	24	0	0	0	3	7	0	10	0	0	60	40	38.11
Phillipston,	1785, Nov. 26	*None.*			53	96	149	29	6	2	8	4	5	0	9	2	1	197	92	451.72
Princeton, 1st ch., Centre,	1764, Aug. 12	*None.*			36	93	129	8	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	2	110	70	
Royalston, 1st ch.,	1766, Oct. 13	*None.*			41	89	130	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	106	84	20.82
" 2d ch., South,	1837, Feb. 22	Walter Rice,	1865, July 24	1868, *A. p.*	42	78	120	30	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	115	68	172.19
Rutland,	1720, June 7	Henry Cummings,	1851, July 16	1866, Sept. 5	73	133	206	40	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	0	2	200	125	245.04
Shrewsbury,	1723, Dec. 4	E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25	1867, Nov. 7	53	94	147	23	0	0	0	7	3	2	12	0	1	223	118	237.87
Southboro', Pilgrim ch.,	1831, Feb. 17	*None.*			31	75	106	12	2	5	7	5	4	0	9	0	4	130	72	179.01
" Southville,	1865, Jan. 18	Clarendon A. Stone,	1873, Apr. 2	1873, Apr. 2	8	23	31	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	50	10.00
Southbridge,	1801, Sept. 16	Jeremiah E. Fullerton,		1873, July 29	48	122	170	43	1	7	8	3	1	0	4	0	1	120	71	550.87
Spencer,	1744, May 17	H. Allen Shorey,	1865, July 28	1873, *A. p.*	62	116	178	20	0	3	3	4	3	3	10	0	0	310	170	1,068.15
Sterling,	1852, June 22	Lucian D. Mears,	1871, Nov. 8	1871, Nov. 8	26	63	89	22	10	0	10	0	2	0	2	6	0	90	65	80.45
Sturbridge,	1736, Sept. 29	Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7	1871, June 29	65	157	222	38	0	1	1	4	7	0	11	0	1	100	72	302.25
Sutton, 1st ch.,	1720, Autumn	Hiram A. Tracy,	1835, Jan. 1	1871, *A. p.*	55	130	185	31	12	6	18	7	5	0	12	7	3	125	90	471.00
Templeton,	1832, Apr. 11	*None.*			37	76	113	18				1	4	1	6		1	120	69	659.37
Upton,	1735, Jan. 18	John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28	1871, Nov. 15	72	168	240	48	5	6	11		5	0	5	4	4	314	175	235.38
Uxbridge,	1730, Jan.	Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 16	1868, Dec. 2	38	126	164	50	3	0	3	3	6	0	9	2	1	324	150	823.33
Warren,	1745.	Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25	1868, Nov. 19	80	149	229	40	14	9	23	3	1	0	4	10	6	237	110	878.23
" West,	1866, June 5	William M. Gay,	1863, Mar. 31	1873, *A. p.*	15	24	39	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	50	35	22.50
Webster,	1838, Jan. 13	John S. Batchelder,	1858, Oct. 20	1871, Dec. 9	45	115	160	10	1	9	10	4	5	0	9	1	6	212	150	200.00
Westborough,	1724, Oct. 28	Heman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18	1871, Aug. 10	108	253	361	58	12	11	23	8	6	0	14	5	1	341	222	1,608.00
West Boylston,	1796, Sept. 15	Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3	1870, *A. p.*	50	104	154	25	6	5	11	0	3	0	3	3	2	130	95	350.05
West Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1717, Oct. 16	Richard B. Bull,	1855, Mar. 13	1871, Mar. 12	87	188	275	25	1	0	1	4	10	0	14	1	0	200	125	1,184.60
Westminster,	1742, Oct. 20	Benjamin F. Parsons,		1873, *A. p.*	74	126	200	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	132	96	328.73
Winchendon, 1st ch.,	1762, Dec. 15	William W. Dow,	1866, May 23	1871, *A. p.*	30	50	80	24	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	1	60	35	55.00
" North,	1843, Dec. 7	Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1	1869, May 19	66	178	244	34	14	2	16	4	9	0	13	5	1	250	150	1,187.86
Worcester, 1st ch.,	1716.	William M. Parry,	1868, July.	*A. p.*	174	390	564	80	16	15	31	10	41	0	51	7	12			2,000.30
" Calvinist ch.,	1820, Aug.	Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	1836, Nov. 23	1838, Dec. 19	72	216	288	23	16	3	19	3	4	0	7	6	0	160	124	4,375.62
" Union ch.,	1836.	Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	1850, Mar. 6	1855, Sept. 5	148	242	390	11	33	7	40	4	23	2	29		0	304	204	2,053.58
" Salem st. ch.,	1848, June 14	Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5	1871, May 3	111	224	335	76	50	30	80	4	12	3	19	36	9	344	260	1,197.17
" Mission Chap. ch.,	1865, Jan. 22	Charles H. Whitney,	1871, Aug. 30	1873, *A. p.*	14	29	43	8	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	3	118	103	251.00
" Plymouth ch.,	1869, July 7	George W. Phillips,	1864, Oct. 12	1871, Dec. 28	152	241	393	14	63	62	125	6	52	0	58	39	5	533	300	4,691.64
" Piedmont ch.,	1872, Sept. 18	George H. Gould,	1862, Nov. 12	*A. p.*	48	63	111	0	2	109	111	0	0	0	0			169	110	
TOTAL: 74 churches.					4159	8687	12846	2131	519	484	1003	251	426	20	697	266	110	13194	8459	$58,474 34

SUMMARY.

Counties.	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1, 1873.				Additions in 1872.			Removals in 1872.				Bapt. 1872.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	Wth Pas.	Wth A.P.	Vacant	Total.	Pastors.	Act. Pas.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant	Total.	Av. at.	
Barnstable,	6	11	4	21	6	11	3	20	556	1,315	1,871	268	39	8	47	42	20	2	64	16	24	2,043	1,251	$2,322.61
Berkshire,	18	13	2	33	19	13	15	47	1,466	2,960	4,426	793	108	128	236	74	138	0	212	39	49	4,588	2,933	13,524.67
Bristol,	15	7	5	27	16	7	4	27	1,233	2,711	3,944	866	99	66	165	63	59	3	125	42	38	5,642	3,059	18,692.12
Dukes,	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	68	124	192	38	2	2	4	6	0	0	6	2	2	175	160	148.00
Essex,	47	9	10	66	49	9	25	83	3,042	7,926	10,968	1,595	309	243	552	208	190	7	405	181	100	13,695	8,852	54,679.49
Franklin,	15	11	4	30	15	11	10	36	1,090	2,024	3,114	396	118	96	214	61	110	2	173	55	43	3,411	2,308	6,526.28
Hampden,	25	6	6	37	25	6	4	35	1,690	3,722	5,412	805	152	157	309	114	139	14	267	70	56	5,670	3,654	27,346.60
Hampshire,	27	5	7	39	27	5	17	49	2,456	4,941	7,397	965	329	186	515	143	185	3	331	163	103	6,756	4,324	29,337.17
Middlesex,	55	13	10	78	55	13	39	107	4,416	9,877	14,293	2,506	655	640	1,295	236	497	5	738	290	186	15,960	10,690	87,038.87
Nantucket,	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	43	221	264	61	0	2	2	7	5	0	12	0	0	175	150	150.00
Norfolk,	23	12	5	40	25	12	10	47	1,517	3,541	5,058	816	113	144	257	103	123	2	228	54	70	6,208	3,904	25,881.64
Plymouth,	15	12	8	35	15	12	11	38	1,342	2,817	4,159	543	46	62	108	94	52	0	146	29	20	4,837	3,075	7,199.15
Suffolk,	17	4	2	23	20	4	20	44	2,403	5,117	7,520	1,522	224	220	444	81	215	2	298	90	114	8,142	5,586	105,038.54
Worcester,	44	21	9	74	44	21	15	80	4,159	8,687	12,846	2,131	519	484	1,003	251	426	20	697	266	110	13,194	8,459	58,474.34
Total, 1873:	307	127	73	507	316	127	173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,713	2,433	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,297	915	90,496	58,405	$436,359.48

Notes. — 1. Of the 73 churches counted "vacant" above, 3 are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.

2. The column of "other ministers" includes only such (not in pastoral service) as are members of our Associations and reside in Massachusetts. Many of those whose occupation is in Boston, reside, and are counted in other counties, especially in Middlesex.

3. *Comparisons.* — New churches, 6; dropped, 2. Gain in church-membership, 11. Loss in Sabbath-schools, 667.

The average attendance in Sabbath-schools is .6454 of their total membership; in years next preceding, respectively, .6752, .6764, .6679, .6718, .6760.

Decrease in Benevolent Contributions (453 churches reporting, 446 last year,) $2,119.87; in the preceding year the increase was $98,649.51.

Pastors a year ago, 304; of these, during the year, 6 died in office, and 36 were dismissed; the unusual number of 21 persons were ordained pastors, and 33 other ministers were installed; making 316 the present total. Ministers not pastors deceased, 13. Ordained without installation, 6.

One minister is pastor of two churches; one pastor of one church, is acting pastor of another; nine churches have each two pastors; and one reckoned in the number of pastors, is pastor of a church formed since January 1.

Licentiates under care, 53, — 13 of whom were approbated during the year.

For the above items of changes by counties, see table on next page; lists of new churches, ordinations, etc., follow; and comparison of "totals" with those of preceding years, will be found in table farther on.

RECORD OF CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE OF CHANGES, BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.				MINISTERS.							Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number.		Members.		The Pastorate.					Deaths.					
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without installation	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable,		1		93	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		177		$395.76
Berkshire,				130	0	4	0	0	0	0	1		280		12,574.24
Bristol,			7		2	3	1	1	0	1	0	79		$5,838.74	
Dukes,			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		7	128.00	
Essex,		1		62	4	3	5	0	1	0	2		123		10,782.73
Franklin,	1			8	1	4	2	0	2	0	0		241	316.91	
Hampden,			73		3	0	2	1	1	1	1		345		835.45
Hampshire,			156		1	1	4	1	0	1	0	1,138			3,817.47
Middlesex,	3		393		3	9	8	1	1	1	3		50	8,772.18	
Nantucket,				10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25		25.00
Norfolk,	1		37		1	2	2	0	0	0	2	77		734.07	
Plymouth,				42	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	46			1,184.85
Suffolk,				457	1	1	2	1	0	1	1		562	9,491.98	
Worcester,	1		147		2	5	8	0	1	0	2		217	2,213.75	
TOTAL, 1873	6	2	11		21	33	36	6	6	6	13		687		$2,119.87
TOTAL, 1872	2	0	870		10	43	39	7	4	7	13	332		98,649.51	
" 1871	2	3	517		9	43	53	3	3	3	5		2,293	2,010.22	
" 1870	6	4	9		16	25	46	9	5	9	14		700	37,726.82	
" 1869	7	3	531		17	42	50	2	5	2	15	404		Unk'n.	
" 1868	3	3	1,692		17	37	46	1	3	1	5	2,620		"	
" 1867	5	2	2,879		12	33	59	2	8	2	15	3,713		"	
" 1866	9	5		263	10	27	32	5	10	5	13	920		"	
" 1865	8	8	1,099							1	6		775	"	
" 1864	0	1	640							3	4	4,057		"	
" 1863	1	2		764						3	9		4	"	
" 1862	3	2		1394						4	6	750			
" 1861	6	4		734						4	7	2,035			
" 1860	6	3		413						9	6		161		
" 1859	5	2	7,608							2	6	7,075			
" 1858	9	0	1,087							1	4	3,023			
" 1857	3	3		426						2	5	3,325			
" 1856	8	2		494						4	6	715			
" 1855	5	1	532							6	6	940			
" 1854	3	1	294							8	3		841		
" 1853	5	5	1,174									619			
" 1852	2	2		288									998		
" 1851	7	7	2,467									2,249			

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1st of the year mentioned; except that the columns under "Ministers" comprise the twelve months ending with the time of printing the Minutes. The table by counties was begun in 1866; all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were*, to what they *should* be.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table by counties, are given in detail on the next and succeeding pages.

It will be seen that the gain in *membership* this year is merely nominal. The decided loss in Suffolk county is nearly accounted for, — by the dropping of 300 unknown "absentees" from the list of Salem and Mariners' church; of 25 (or near that) by Village church; and 56 (not previously reported as dead or dismissed in former years) by Union church. Churches in other counties have also dropped more or less absentees; so that the *resident* church-membership shows a *gain* of 580. The *additions by profession* are larger than for either of the three years next previous.

In *Sabbath-school* totals, each county but four shows a loss.

In *Benevolent Contributions*, the great advance of the preceding year ($98,649.51) is nearly maintained; falling off only $2,119.87. Berkshire county, however, falls off nearly 50 per cent, and Essex 16 per cent, although one more church reports in Berkshire, and four in Essex. Bristol county (reporting one church less than last year) advances 40 per cent; and Suffolk adds nearly $10,000 to its former large aggregate. The few items, in the tables, as to buildings, debts paid, etc., were not in the schedule, and are merely scattering items.

Thanks are due to nearly all the Scribes of the several Associations, for their patient and faithful industry. There is but one Scribe who throws the bulk of his work upon the Secretary. The Secretary hoped to have had returns from every church; but one church, viz., Chambers street chapel, Boston, has ruined this hope. The Secretary's conscience, however, is clear in this case.

Thanks are due to Mr. B. F. H. Reed, of New Bedford, the proof-reader, who has, for several years, added his hearty personal interest, and the help of his accurate oversight as well as of his watchful familiarity with names and places from year to year.

CHANGES IN THE LIST OF CHURCHES.

NEW CHURCHES, with date of organization:

Franklin Co.,— Miller's Falls, in Montague, January 25, 1872.
Middlesex Co.,— Chapel church, Cambridgeport, October 16, 1872.
" " West Medford, June 12, 1872.
" " Newton Highlands, July 9, 1872.
Norfolk Co.,— Lovell's Corner, in Weymouth, October 29, 1872.
Worcester Co.,— Piedmont church, Worcester, September 18, 1872.

Also since the end of statistical year, and therefore not included in the Summary:

Middlesex Co.,— South Framingham, January 2, 1873.
Suffolk Co.,— Hollanders' church, Boston Highlands, February 20, 1873.

CHURCHES DROPPED FROM THE LIST:

Barnstable Co.,— Monument, in Sandwich. This church was, for many years, without a house of worship, or public ordinances. Some remaining members worship with the Methodist church.

Essex Co.,— Free church, Lawrence, disbanded December 1, 1872.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

PASTORS ORDAINED:

Thomas Rissel Beeber, (Penn. Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) First church, Georgetown, January 30, 1873.

John Kittredge Browne, (Harv. Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) Chapel church, Cambridgeport, October 16, 1872.

William Henry Cobb, (Amh. Coll. 1867, Andover 1872,) Fourth church, Plymouth, September 18, 1872. (See obituary of Rev. Leander Cobb, in these Minutes.)

Samuel Howard Dana, (Yale Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) Newton Highlands, October 9, 1872.

Theodore Lansing Day, (Yale Coll. 1867, Yale Sem. 1871,) First church, Holyoke, December 21, 1872.

Henry Morton Dexter, (Yale Coll. 1867, Andover 1870,) Whittenton, in Taunton, April 30, 1873.

James Dingwell, (Amh. Coll. 1872, Bangor 1868,) Ashfield, August 28, 1872.

Aaron Wesley Field, (Wms. Coll. 1865, Hartford 1870,) Blandford, November 13, 1872.

Rufus Cushman Flagg, (Mid. Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) North Andover, September 26, 1872.

Omar White Folsom, (Dart. Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) First church, Newbury, October 31, 1872.

Austin Samuel Garver, (Penn. Coll. ——, Andover 1871,) Hingham, October 31, 1872.

John Francis Gleason, (A. M. Amherst 1871,) First church, Williamsburg, January 7, 1873.

Henry Harrison Hamilton, (Amh. Coll. 1868, Union Sem. 1871,) Westford, September 12, 1872.

Calvin Grant Hill, (Amh. Coll. 1867, Bangor 1871,) Hamilton, September 5, 1872.

Matthew Cantine Julien, (N. Y. Coll. 1869, Union Sem. 1872,) Trinitarian church, New Bedford, December 11, 1872.

Charles Augustus Kingsbury, (Wms. Coll. 1864, Union Sem. 1867,) Marion, November 14, 1872.

Clarendon Alexander Stone, (Knox Coll. (left in 1861 for army,) Bangor 1872,) Southville, April 2, 1873.

Augustus C. Swain, (Madison Theol. Sem., N. Y., 1873,) Evangelical church, Needham, June 25, 1873.

Adoniram Judson Titsworth, (Amh. Coll. 1870, Union Sem. 1873,) First church, Westfield, June 4, 1873.

Alfred Edwards Tracy, (Amh. Coll. 1869, Andover 1872,) Harvard, September 4, 1872.

Garrett Van der Kreeke, Hollanders' church, Boston, February 20, 1873.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION:

Edwin Augustus Grosvenor, (Amh. Coll. 1867,) at Newburyport, July 30, 1872. Professor in Robert College, Constantinople.

William Southworth Howland, (Amh. Coll. 1870, Andover 1873,) at Conway, May 7, 1873. For foreign missionary service. Also, same day and place, and for same service, —

Samuel Whittlesey Howland, (Amh. Coll. 1870, Union Sem. 1873.) Both are sons of Rev. William Howland, of Ceylon mission.

Charles W. Kilbon, (Hartford 1872,) at Springfield, April 10, 1873. For foreign missionary service.

Albert Weston Moore, (Dart. Coll. 1864, Andover 1872,) at Blackstone, January 22, 1873.

Edward Kirk Rawson, (Yale Coll. 1868, Andover 1872,) at Newton, October 9, 1872.

PASTORS INSTALLED:

Edward O. Bartlett, First church, Pittsfield, January 1, 1873.
James M. Bell, North Hadley, June 4, 1873.
Robert C. Bell, Orange, October 9, 1872.
Samuel Bell, East Attleborough, December 18, 1872.
William B. Bond, New Braintree, October 27, 1872.
Francis H. Boynton, Mill River, September 10, 1872.
Charles S. Brooks, South Deerfield, January 14, 1873.
Clark Carter, South church, Lawrence, January 30, 1873.
Joseph B. Clark, Jamaica Plain, October 8, 1872.
William H. Cutler, Assonet, December 17, 1872.
James R. Danforth, Newtonville, January 2, 1873.
Stephen R. Dennen, First church, Lynn, November 13, 1872.
Francis F. Ford, First church, Charlestown, December 11, 1872.
Addison P. Foster, Winnisimmet church, Chelsea, October 9, 1872.
Samuel R. Free, Southfield, February 4, 1873.
Jeremiah E. Fullerton, Southbridge, July 29, 1873.
Winfield S. Hawkes, Fairhaven, June 25, 1873.
William S. Karr, First church, Cambridgeport, January 15, 1873.
Henry S. Kelsey, First church, Woburn, March 19, 1873.
Josiah W. Kingsbury, North Reading, October 16, 1872.
William W. Livingston, North Carver, June 12, 1873.
Henry G. Marshall, First church, Charlemont, September 4, 1872.
Truman A. Merrill, Wayland, July 30, 1873.
Alpha Morton, Oakham, December 18, 1872.
Webster Patterson, Chestnut street church, Lynn, June 12, 1873.
William H. Pierson, North Somerville, August 29, 1872.
Merrill Richardson, D. D., Milford, June 12, 1873.
S Willard Segur, West Medway, May 7, 1873.
Albert C. Sewall, First church, Williamstown, February 26, 1873.
Henry M. Tyler, Calvinist church, Fitchburg, December 4, 1872.

George F. Walker, Ashby, June 11, 1873.
Frank A. Warfield, Second church, Greenfield, July 30, 1873.
Franklin P. Wood, Acton, October 10, 1872.

PASTORS DISMISSED:

Frederic R. Abbe, Dorchester, in Boston, June 4, 1873.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich, Groton, May 13, 1873.
Pliny F. Barnard, Westhampton, July 1, 1873.
Edward B. Bassett, Warwick, March 18, 1873.
George W. Blagden, D. D., Old South church, Boston.
J. Henry Bliss, South Hadley, May 1, 1873.
Joseph B. Clark, Newtonville, September 5, 1872.
John Colby, Southborough, March 26, 1873.
Charles E. Cooledge, Holyoke.
John P. Cushman, Royalston, December 4, 1872.
Marshall M. Cutter, Ashland, March 31, 1873.
John E. Edwards, Blackstone.
Oliver P. Emerson, Lynnfield, June 25, 1873.
Samuel Fairley, Wellfleet, April 19, 1873.
William A. Fobes, Halifax, April 29, 1873.
Addison P. Foster, Malden, September 18, 1872.
Joseph F. Gaylord, Worthington.
James E. Hall, Quincy, February 4, 1873.
Alfred S. Hudson, Burlington, June 3, 1873.
Edwin L. Jaggar, Southbridge, August 6, 1872.
Theodore C. Jerome, New Bedford, March 25, 1873.
Henry S. Kelsey, Holliston, March 6, 1873.
S. C. Kendall, Milford.
Stephen Knowlton, West Medway, November 20, 1872.
Alpha Morton, Oakham.
Edward Norton, Montague, April 28, 1873.
[William W. Parker, Williamsburg, last year virtually dismissed, was formally dismissed January 7, 1873.]
William H. Pierson, Ipswich, July 15, 1872.
James Powell, Newburyport.
George H. Pratt, Harvard, September 3, 1872.
Lewis Sabin, D. D., Templeton, September 24, 1872.
S. Willard Segur, Gloucester, February 12, 1873.
John P. Skeele, Hatfield, May 4, 1873.
Irem W. Smith, Tolland.
Charles R. Treat, Marlborough, April 24, 1873.
Josiah W. Turner, Waverley, July 1, 1873.
Charles Van Norden, Beverly.

MINISTERS DECEASED (year ending July 31):

Rowland Hussey Allen, pastor at Neponset, Boston. Born in Norton, Mass., August 13, 1840; son of Rev. Cyrus Williams and Mary (Folger) Allen. (Rev. C. W. Allen (Brown Univ. 1826, Andover 1829,) is now acting pastor at Hanover, Mass.) Rowland H. Allen was graduated at Amherst College 1862, Andover 1865. Ordained pastor at Canton, Mass., November 1, 1865; dismissed March 26, 1867. Without charge, Chelsea, 1867 to 1870. Installed, Trinity church, Neponset, February 8, 1870, and died there, in office, September 12, 1872. At the time of his death he was under appointment as N. E. Secretary of the American (N. Y.) Tract Society. See full sketch in *Congregational Quarterly*, July, 1873.

James Monroe Bacon, pastor at Ashby. Born in Newton, Mass., January 8, 1818; son of Joseph and Beulah (Fuller) Bacon. Fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, but by long continued ill health was forced to abandon his purpose of entering college. Completed his theological studies under the care of Rev. Dr. Ide, of Medway, in 1845. Ordained pastor at Littleton, Mass., October 8, 1846; dismissed November 13, 1849. Pastor of the Union church of Salisbury and Amesbury, June 25, 1851, to October 9, 1855. Pastor at Essex, July 9, 1856, to June 30, 1870. Pastor at Ashby, November 2, 1870, until died there March 5, 1873.

John Evans Bray, without charge, Newburyport. Born in North Guilford, Conn., November 28, 1787. Son of Rev. Thomes Wells and Sarah (Robinson) Bray. (Rev. Thomas W. Bray, Yale College 1765, was pastor at North Guilford from December 31, 1766, until his death, April 23, 1808.) John E. Bray studied theology privately, and was licensed by the Cumberland (Me.) Association, in 1818. Was teacher, missionary, etc., until ordained pastor in Columbia (now Prospect,) Conn., May 16, 1827, having been stated supply there two and a half years; dismissed August 19, 1832. Acting pastor, Westfield, Conn., 1832 to 1834. From 1834 to 1842 acting pastor at Seymour, Conn. Retired from that date, on account of ill health, he resided at Clinton, Conn., until 1855, at Brooklyn, N. Y., 1855 to 1867, at Newburyport, Mass., 1867 until (excepting temporary absence) his death, at Newburyport, April 30, 1873. See full sketch in *Congregational Quarterly*, July, 1873.

Josiah Brewer, of Stockbridge, without charge. Born in Monterey, Mass., June 1, 1796; son of Eliab and Theodosia (Bidwell) Brewer. (His mother was daughter of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell (Y. C. 1740,) who was pastor at Tyringham from his ordination, October 3, 1750, until his death, June 2, 1784.) Josiah Brewer graduated at Yale College 1821; was in Andover Theological Seminary two years, but completed the course at New Haven, 1825. Ordained at Springfield, Mass., to be foreign missionary, May 10, 1826. Was missionary at Smyrna, (A. B. C. F. M.,) 1826 to 1828, and under other auspices, 1828 to 1838. Chaplain of Connecticut State Prison, 1838 to 1841. Agent of Anti-slavery Society, and editor, Hartford, Conn., 1842 to 1844. From 1844 to 1857, principal of Young Ladies' Seminary, first at New Haven, and afterwards at Middletown. Acting pastor at Housatonic,

Mass., 1857 to 1866. Without charge, Stockbridge, Mass., 1866 until died there November 19, 1872.

John Marvin Chapin, pastor at West Springfield. Born in Springfield, Mass., May 15, 1844; son of Marvin and Rebecca (Stowe) Chapin. Graduated at Yale College, 1868; Hartford Theological Seminary, 1872. Ordained pastor of First church, West Springfield, Mass., June 19, 1872, and died in office, at his father's house in Springfield, October 25 of the same year. See full sketch in *Congregational Quarterly*, July, 1873.

Benjamin Franklin Clarke, of Wellesley, without charge. Born in Granby, Mass., January 18, 1792. Graduated at Williams College, 1820; Andover Theol. Seminary, 1823. Ordained pastor at Buckland, Mass., February 4, 1824; dismissed May 2, 1839. Pastor at North Chelsea (now Revere,) November 20, 1839, to August 3, 1842. Acting pastor at Rowe, 1842 to June 7, 1849, when he was installed there, and was dismissed October 23, 1850. Without charge, West Hawley, 1850–2. Acting pastor at North Orange, 1852–4. Pastor at Winchendon, October 24, 1855, to April 20, 1865. Without charge, at Wellesley, Mass., 1865 until died there, November 16, 1872, aged nearly 81 years.

John Payne Cleaveland, D. D., of Newburyport, without charge. Born in Byfield parish, Mass., July 19, 1799. Son of Parker (M. D.) and (his first cousin) Abigail (daughter of Col. Aaron Cleaveland, of Canterbury, Conn.) Cleaveland. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1821, (D. D. Marietta, 1844); was at Andover Theol. Seminary, for a time in class of 1824. Ordained pastor of Tabernacle church, Salem, Mass., February 14, 1827; dismissed April 1, 1834. Pastor of First Presb. church, Detroit, Mich., June 15, 1835, to November 1, 1838. Agent and President-elect of Marshall College, Mich., and (partially) acting pastor there, November 1, 1838, to November 1, 1843. Pastor of Second Presb. church, Cincinnati, January 10, 1844, to January 20, 1846. Pastor of Beneficent (Cong.) church, Providence, R. I., April 22, 1846, to March 30, 1853. Pastor of First church, Northampton, Mass., April 20, 1853, to July 11, 1855. Pastor of Appleton st. church, Lowell, October 2, 1855, to January 15, 1862. Chaplain of 30th Mass. Vols., January 1 to August 1, 1862. Stated supply at Park st. church, and Salem church, Boston, August 1, 1863, to July 1, 1864. Acting pastor and pastor elect, Mattapoisett, January 1, 1865, to June 7, 1867. Acting pastor at Billerica, Mass., 1867 to 1869. Without charge, residing at Ipswich and afterwards at Newburyport, 1869 until he died at Newburyport, March 7, 1873, aged 73 years.

Leander Cobb, pastor at Marion. Born in that part of Rochester now incorporated as Marion, December 5, 1801; son of Rev. Oliver (D. D.) and Sarah (Everson) Cobb. Graduated at Brown Univ. 1824; Andover Theol. Seminary, 1827. Ordained in Boston, to be Home Missionary, September 7, 1827. Went to Indiana as H. M., and was supply of Presbyterian church, Charlestown, 1827 to 1838. In 1839 he became colleague with his father, in the South Rochester (now Marion) church, but was not installed until September 7, 1841. He remained in the pastoral office until his death, in

Marion, September 2, 1872. For a little more than a year previous to his death, he had an assistant.

His father, Rev. Oliver Cobb, D. D., was born in Kingston, Mass., March 18, 1770; graduated at Brown, 1796. Was ordained over the Rochester church, as colleague with Rev. Jonathan Moore, February 6, 1799. The church comprised two places, the Centre and South, and in 1827 these were recognized as two, — Dr. Cobb retaining the South church, now in Marion. Dr. Cobb died there, in office, June 23, 1849.

Rev. Leander Cobb's son, William H. Cobb, was ordained pastor at Chiltonville, September 18, 1872. Rev. Nathaniel Cobb, of Kingston, is also a son of Rev. Dr. Cobb.

John Erskine Edwards, of Longwood, Brookline, without charge. Born in Hartford, Conn., July 4, 1809; son of Jonathan W. and Elizabeth (Tryon) Edwards. He was a great-grandson of President Edwards. Graduated at Yale College, 1828; Andover, 1835. Ordained pastor of the Second church in Stonington, Conn., April 6, 1840; dismissed April, 1843. Lived on a farm, in Lancaster, Mass., many years, preaching but seldom. Pastor at Blackstone, Mass., June 3, 1862, to 1872. Without charge, in Brookline, 1872 until he died there, April 3, 1873, of paralysis of the brain.

Archibald Geikie, member of Hampden West Association, of Canaan, Conn., without charge. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 7, 1797; son of Archibald and Helen (Bayne) Geikie. Educated in Edinburgh, and studied divinity under Dr. Chalmers. Was engaged in mission work and preaching until 1843, when he removed to Canada. He settled in Mooretown, where, from his private means he built a church edifice, and presented it to the congregation. Here he was ordained, as pastor, March 4, 1846. In the spring of 1849, on the death of his wife, he removed to Toronto, became pastor of the Second church there, and remained such for several years. In 1854, he became acting pastor at Colebrook, Conn., remaining until 1863. Acting pastor at East Granville, Mass., 1863 to 1864, pastor August 25, 1864, to September 29, 1869. Removed then to Canaan, Conn., and resided there, with his daughter Mrs. George Adam, until his death there, July 27, 1872.

Forrest Jefferds, of South Boston, without charge. Born in Wells, Me., August 4, 1794; son of Samuel and Jane (Gooch) Jefferds. Graduated at Bangor Theol. Seminary in 1825. Labored a short time at Harrison, Me. Ordained pastor at Epping, N. H., October 25, 1826; dismissed October 30, 1831. Pastor at Middleton, Mass., May 2, 1832, to 1844. Acting pastor at Barrington, R. I., 1845 to 1850. City Missionary, Boston, Mass., 1852 to 1860. Resided at South Boston, without charge, 1860 until died there, June 20, 1873.

Giles Lyman, of Winchendon, without charge. Born in Belchertown, Mass., March 16, 1802; son of Giles and Mary (Hubbard) Lyman. Graduated at Amherst College, 1827; Andover Theol. Seminary, 1831. Ordained pastor at Jaffrey, N. H., January 11, 1832; dismissed May 3, 1837. Acting pastor at Fowlerville, N. Y., 1837–8; at Ashburnham, Mass., 1838–9; and

at Gardner, Mass., 1839–40. Acting pastor at Marlborough, N. H., December, 1840, to 1869. Without charge, residing at Marlborough, N. H., until 1870, and then at Winchendon, Mass., until died, at Winchendon, November 16, 1872.

Josiah Goodhue Merrill, of Cambridge, without charge. Born in Conway, N. H., September 4, 1787; son of Enoch and Mary (Ambrose) Merrill. Studied medicine with Dr. Chadbourne, of Conway, but after his conversion studied theology with Rev. Asa Rand, and Rev. Dr. Payson, of Portland, Me. Ordained pastor at Otisfield, Me., November 2, 1814; dismissed November 23, 1830. Pastor at Eliot, May 4, 1831, to May, 1832. Pastor at Cape Elizabeth February 6, 1833, to September, 1838. Pastor at Washington, January 9, 1839, to November 23, 1847. After this date he did not become a settled pastor, but did excellent missionary service, and gathered several churches. The Maine Minutes give his additional services as follows: At Windsor, 1840 to 1845; at Bremen, half the time, 1844 to 1846; at Eastport, June 1, 1845, to January 5, 1847; at Fort Fairfield, 1845 to 1849, and at Washburne, 1846 to 1849; at Presque Isle, 1848 to 1850; at West Brookville, 1850 to 1854; at North Augusta, 1853 to 1855, and at Rumford, 1853 to 1858; at Cooper, and at Princeton, 1859 to 1860; at Brownfield, 1860 to 1863. He then went to reside with his son, Rev. Josiah Merrill, at Wiscasset, and about 1865 went with his son to Cambridge, Mass. He resided there, until he died, at Lynn, Mass., August 18, 1872. Rev. Josiah Merrill, acting pastor at South Franklin, is his son.

John Bulkley Perry, of Cambridge. Born in Richmond, Mass., December 12, 1825; son of Daniel and Catherine (Aylesworth) Perry. (Daniel Perry was son of Rev. David Perry (Y. C. 1772,) who was pastor at Harwinton, Conn., from his ordination, February 16, 1774, to December, 1783, and pastor at Richmond, Mass., August 25, 1784, to January 1, 1816, and who died June 7, 1817.) John B. Perry graduated at the University of Vermont, 1847; Andover Theol. Seminary, 1853. Stated supply of Presb. church, Sandlake, N. Y., in 1854, and a few months at Hinesborough, Vt. Ordained pastor of Cong. church, Swanton, Vt., December 12, 1855; dismissed January 5, 1866, — having been chaplain of the 20th Vermont Vols. Acting pastor at Wilmington, Vt., 1866–7. Took charge of Department of Paleontology, in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, at Cambridge, in 1867, and continued until his death, — in 1871 having accepted the Professorship of Science and Theology in Oberlin College, which he also held until his death, which took place at Cambridge, Mass., October 3, 1872.

James Austin Roberts, pastor at Berkley. Born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, May 2, 1789; son of Evan Meredith and Hester (Fussell) Roberts. Graduated at the Theological College, London, and commenced preaching in 1816. Ordained pastor of the Independent church, Warminster, October 20, 1824, and left it, coming to America, in 1832. Pastor of the Trinitarian church, New Bedford, Mass., November 14, 1832, to July, 1844. Visited England in 1844, preaching there in various places, and returning to this country in 1850. Acting pastor at Wareham, 1850 to 1852,

and at East Woodstock, Conn., 1854–5. Pastor of Trin. Cong. church, Berkley, November 17, 1856, until his death there, November 28, 1872.

Lewis Sabin, D. D., of Templeton, without charge. Born in Wilbraham, Mass., April 9, 1807; son of Thomas and Abigail (———) Sabin. Graduated at Amherst College, 1831, (D. D. Amherst 1857); was some time at Andover, in class of 1835. Ordained, to be Home Missionary, June 6, 1836, and went to Canada East, where he labored at Stanstead till June, 1837. Pastor at Templeton, Mass., September 21, 1837, to September 24, 1872, when he resigned from ill health. Resided at Templeton until died there, June 8, 1873.

James Pease Terry, of South Weymouth, without charge. Born in Enfield, Conn., March 21, 1812; son of Solomon and Margaretta (Pease) Terry. Graduated at Amherst College, 1834; was two years in Princeton Theological Seminary, but completed the course at East Windsor, 1838. Ordained pastor at Somers, Conn., December 4, 1839; dismissed August, 1845. Was without charge, from ill health, for nearly two years. Acting pastor at North Madison, Conn., April, 1847, to April, 1848. Pastor at South Weymouth, Mass., July 6, 1848, to October 27, 1870. Was not able, from ill health, to settle again. On a brief visit to New York State, he died, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, at Schodac, April 17, 1873. Rev. Calvin Terry, now of Haverhill, Mass., is his brother.

Townsend Walker, pastor at Goshen. Born in Tyringham, Mass., November 10, 1811. Graduated at Williams College, 1839; Auburn Theological Seminary, 1842. Ordained pastor of Presb. church, Baldwinsville, N. Y., March 12, 1844; dismissed in 1852. Pastor of Second Congregational church, Huntington, Mass., December 27, 1853, to August 2, 1865. Acting pastor, West Stockbridge Village, Mass., in 1867. Pastor at Goshen, Mass., September 9, 1868, until died there, June 30, 1873.

James Wilson Ward, of Lakeville, without charge. Born in Alna, Me., May 21, 1803; son of Rev. Jonathan and Philena Gay (Whitaker) Ward. (Rev. Jonathan Ward, D. C. 1792, born in Plymouth, N. H., was son of Rev. Nathan Ward, who was pastor in that place from 1765 to 1798.) Rev. James W. Ward graduated at Dartmouth College, 1826; was in Andover Theol. Seminary one year, completing his course at New Haven, 1832. Ordained pastor of First church, Abington, Mass., May 21, 1834; dismissed November 21, 1856. Without charge, and in ill health, Madison, Wis., 1856–7. Representative of Abington, in the Massachusetts Legislature, in 1857, (as also in 1851 and 1852, and Senator from Plymouth county in 1855.) Was, from ill health, in Wisconsin and Iowa, 1857 to 1863. Acting pastor at Lakeville, 1863 to 1869. From that date, without charge, residing at Lakeville, until he died in New York City, from accident, January 21, 1873. Rev. William Hayes Ward, (A. C. 1856, Andover 1859,) editor of the *Independent*, and Rev. James Wilson Ward, Jr., (A. C. 1860, Andover 1865,) are his sons.

The above list comprises six pastors and thirteen without pastoral charge (including one Professor in College.) The *average age* of the nineteen was sixty-six years seven months and two days. The average *ministerial age* was thirty-five years five months and eighteen days.

Rev. Charles Du Marisque Pigeon, acting pastor at West Gloucester, who died there October 16, 1872, aged 73, was a Presbyterian, all his ministerial life a member of a Presbytery, and not a member of any Congregational Association. His name, therefore, could not properly be included in the above list.

The Minutes for 1864 and 1865 did not contain a list of deaths, and those of several years next previous were imperfect. These deficiencies should have been supplied as follows:

April 5, 1861, at Pittsfield, Heman Humphrey, D. D., aged 82.
April 20, 1861, at Pittsfield, Joab Brace, D. D., aged 80.
January 27, 1861, at Chicopee Falls, Jonathan Curtis, aged 73.
August 29, 1861, at Leverett, Ebenezer G. Bradford, aged 60.
October 5, 1861, at Newton, Seth W. Bannister, aged 50.
September 13, 1863, at Shutesbury, Andrew J. Clapp, aged 30.
December 12, 1863, at Carlisle, Josiah Ballard, aged 58.
January 10, 1864, at Nashville, Tenn., Wilbur F. Loomis, aged 35.
January 23, 1864, at Westminster, Samuel R. Peckham, aged 70.
February 12, 1864, at Lynn, Parsons Cooke, D. D., aged 64.
February 19, 1864, at East Boston, Ebenezer Price, aged 92.
February 27, 1864, at Amherst, Edward Hitchcock, D. D., aged 70.
August 10, 1864, at Haverhill, Benjamin F. Hosford, aged 46.
October 20, 1864, at Greenfield, Amariah Chandler, D. D., aged 83.
October 29, 1864, at Morehead City, N. C., William C. Whitcomb, aged 44.
October 31, 1864, at Hadley, Dan Huntingdon, aged 90.
May 2, 1865, at Northfield, Isaac S. Perry, aged 42.
May 8, 1865, at Norton, Samuel Beane, aged 53.
May 21, 1865, at Bridgewater, Stetson Raymond, aged 78.

These deficiencies being supplied, the following table gives the number of deaths, with ages, etc., annually for the last twenty years. The *year* means that ending with July. The *age*, before 1872, was recorded only in *years*, and is probably a few months too small. The *ministerial age* is exact. The ages are given in years, months, and days.

TABLE OF DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

Year.	Number.	Average Age.			Average Ministerial Age.		
1873, ...	19	66	7	2	35	5	18
1872, ...	20	68	4	17	39	5	8
1871, ...	8	57	9		30	5	27
1870, ...	23	61	1		31	5	11
1869, ...	17	66	3		37	11	17
1868, ...	6	74	8		44	9	0
1867, ...	17	68	3		42	4	3
1866, ...	18	62	6		32	6	21
1865, ...	7	62	3		33	2	25
1864, ...	7	59	10		30	9	25
The ten years: . .	142	64	11		38	0	4
1863, ...	12	54	0		24	10	7
1862, ...	10	59	7		31	6	15
1861, ...	11	62	0		33	11	12
1860, ...	15	64	6		37	6	25
1859, ...	8	60	3		32	3	17
1858, ...	5	67	5		39	6	10
1857, ...	7	65	5		38	0	2
1856, ...	10	65	2		37	1	12
1855, ...	12	69	7		41	9	15
1854, ...	11	52	4		24	11	2
The ten years: . .	101	61	8		30	10	25
The twenty years:	243	63	7		35	1	5

Of these 243,—there were, under 30 years of age, 6; 30 and under 40, 21; 40 and under 50, 26; 50 and under 60, 30; 60 and under 70, 59; 70 and under 80, 56; 80 and under 90, 39; 90 and upwards, 6.

The average age at date of ordination, was 28 years and 6 months.

It will be noticed that the average age of the 142 dying in the last ten years was 3 years and 3 months greater than that of the 101 dying in the next previous ten years; that the average *ministerial* age also increased by 7 years, one month and 9 days; and the average *age at ordination* decreased by 3 years and 10 months. Whether these changes are permanent or not, it would take a wider range of years and persons to decide.

LIST OF CHURCHES ADDED OR DROPPED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1855.

[FROM THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.]

The present Secretary * received the care of the statistics at the session of 1855, and perfected the issue of that year as far as possible in the few weeks allowable. He has prepared the issue of each year since, except three war years, and for the last of the three was partially responsible. Prior to 1855, the want of continuous responsibility left the statistics extremely imperfect. The Secretary shortly found that, in the *lists* of the churches, there were three classes of omissions; first, of a few churches (necessarily omitted) which did not acknowledge a full fellowship; second, of a few who had ceased to have regular public worship, although maintaining existence; and, third, of a few omitted by ignorance. All these were soon brought into the roll.

In 1865, a table for these years was given, corrected by inserting all such as had been omitted. It seems better to perfect a table which shall (1) include in each year all improperly omitted, (2) take up the invisible churches in the year of their revival, and (3) insert the non-fellowshipping churches in the year in which they fully came into fellowship. And also

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*The officers of the General Association have been as follows:

SECRETARY.

Rev. Enoch Hale, Westhampton, 1804–1824.
Rev. Thomas Snell, D. D., North Brookfield, 1824–1850.
Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D., Westfield, 1850–1858.
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., New Bedford, 1858–

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Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., Jamaica Plain, 1856–1862.
Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Chelsea, 1862–1863.
Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D. D., Boston, 1863–1864.
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., New Bedford, 1864–1868.
In 1868 the office was merged in that of Secretary, on the occasion of the union of Conference and Association.

REGISTRAR.

From 1803 to 1868, a Scribe made the records of each session, and placed these in the hands of the Secretary. In 1868, the office of Registrar was established.
Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, 1868–

TREASURER.

The Secretary was *ex-officio* Treasurer until 1868.
Dea. Stephen T. Farwell, Boston, 1861 to 1868 in the Conference; in the united body, 1868 to 1872.
George E. Clarke, Falmouth, 1872–

In the GENERAL CONFERENCE, which had a distinct existence 1860–1868:

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, D. D., Newton, 1860–1868.

to show the annual changes in the lists from January 1, 1855, to January 1, 1873.

January 1, 1855, there were in the Minutes (not including two New York churches,) 462. There should have been added,— Dedham 1st (re-inserted in 1859); Ballardvale (inserted in 1856); Edgartown (replaced 1856); Manchester (replaced in 1856); and Assabet (replaced in 1856); making 467.

In the year 1855, *new* churches were organized,— Ashfield, 2d; Franklin, South; Harwichport; Rockport, 2d; Somerville; and Watertown. Andover, Free ch.; and Mendon, (older churches,) were inserted. *Dropped* from the list,— North Haverhill (transferred to New Hampshire); and North Orange. Total, January 1, 1856, 473.

In the year 1856, *new*,— Winthrop ch., in East Randolph; and Westfield, 2d. Stow was resuscitated. *Dropped*,— Millville, in Blackstone; Ludlow, 2d; and Grass Hill, in Millbury. Total, January 1, 1857, 473.

In the year 1857, *new*,— Unity ch., South Boston; Holmes ch., North Cambridge; Plymouth ch., Chelsea; Evangelical ch., Needham; and Vine st. ch., Roxbury. Older churches inserted,— Cambridgeport, 2d; Trin. ch., Fitchburg; and Neponset. Payson ch., South Boston, was also counted, though not on the list until 1859. *Dropped*,— none. Total, January 1, 1858, 482.

In the year 1858, *new*,— South Amherst; Chapel ch., South Malden; Marblehead, 3d; and Westport. Fall River, 1st, also concluded to be in Massachusetts. *Dropped*,— Rowe; and one by union of two in Waltham. Total, January 1, 1859, 485.

In the year 1859, *new*,— Port Norfolk (where Neponset had been); Haverhill, North ch.; South Natick; one in Manchester (by divisions); and East Weymouth (from Methodists.) Older, Mt. Washington replaced.

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Rev. George Mooar, D. D., Andover, 1860–1861.
Rev. John L. Taylor, D. D., Andover, 1861–1864.
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., New Bedford, 1864–1868.

TREASURER.

Dea. William Hyde, Ware, 1860–1861.
Dea. Stephen T. Farwell, Boston, 1861–1868.

The Conference never published statistics. The Association issued tables first in 1826. No officer had charge of the work. Each year, the delegates were expected, under the rule, to bring the statistics, for collecting which a blank form was printed in the annual Minutes. A committee on printing, appointed at each session, took these loose returns, and put them in the best shape possible. In 1855, the present Secretary chanced to be placed on the committee for printing. The next year, the office of Statistical Secretary was established, with Statistical Scribes in the several Associations, who were to collect the statistics on forms furnished, and report directly to the Statistical Secretary.

The system working well,—the then Secretary of the American Congregational Union, and the now Secretary of our General Association, were a committee of the Union to lay the plan, and reasons, before all our State bodies. It is perhaps needless to say that the agency of the Union was used as that of the only body naturally suitable.

Dropped, — Plymouth ch., Chelsea; Trin. ch., Fitchburg (withdrew from fellowship); and Neponset. Total, January 1, 1860, 488.

In the year 1860, *new*, — three in Boston, viz., Springfield st., Oak place, and E street; Saundersville, in Grafton; Chestnut st. ch., Lynn; and one at South Hadley Falls (by divisions.) *Dropped*, — South ch., Amherst; Payson ch., and Church of the Unity, South Boston (to make E st. ch.); and Winter st. ch., Haverhill. Total, January 1, 1861, 490.

In the year 1861, *new*, — Groton Junction; Florence, in Northampton; and Somerset. *Dropped*, — one in South Malden (by union of two); and Whately, 2d. Total, January 1, 1862, 491.

In the year 1862, *new*, — Plymouth, 5th ch. *Dropped*, — Pawtucket, and Seekonk, both by change of State line, transferred to Rhode Island. (In the Minutes of 1862, Beverly 4th, West Boxford, and Sharon, were unaccountably omitted; and equally unaccountably, Tower Hill mission, in Lynn, was called a church, and the Union Evangelical church of Salisbury and Amesbury, which is at Salisbury Point, was inserted twice, by its name and by its location.) Total, January 1, 1863, 490.

In the year 1863, *new*, — none. *Dropped*, — Puritan ch., Sandwich. (Beverly 4th still wrongly omitted.) Total, January 1, 1864, 489.

In the year 1864, *new*, — Chambers st. ch., Boston; Beech Woods, in Cohasset; Memorial ch., Georgetown; North Somerville; Sanford st. ch., Springfield; and Roslindale, in West Roxbury. Trinitarian ch., Fitchburg, and Seekonk, were replaced. *Dropped*. — Cotuit, in Barnstable; Bowdoin st. ch., Boston; Oak place ch., Boston; Trinitarian church, East Bridgewater; Mt. Washington; Monument, in Sandwich; Stow; and Holmes Hole, in Tisbury. Total, January 1, 1865, 489.

In the year 1865, *new*, — Seminary ch., Andover (absorbing the discoverable remains of the old one); Belmont; Stearns chapel, Cambridgeport; Fairmount (now Hyde Park); Eliot ch., Lawrence; Southville; Memorial ch., Springfield; and Mission Chapel ch., Worcester. North Orange was restored. *Dropped*, — Seminary ch., Andover; Cambridgeport, 2d; one in Deerfield, by union of two; Eastham; and Howard st. ch., Salem. Total, January 1, 1866, 493.

In the year 1866, *new*, — North Dennis; College st. ch., Dorchester; North ch., Newton; Russell; and West Warren. *Dropped*, — Memorial ch., Springfield (independent); and Roslindale. Total, January 1, 1867, 496.

In the year 1867, *new*, — Ludlow Mills. *Replaced*, — Mt. Washington; and Monument, in Sandwich. *Dropped*, — one in Gardner, by union of two; one in Boston, by union of Salem and Mariners'; and Russell, independent. Total, January 1, 1868, 496.

In the year 1868, *new*, — Rollstone ch., in Fitchburg; South, and Free churches, Lawrence; Hancock ch., Lexington; Newtonville; Whittenton, in Taunton; and Tyngsborough. *Dropped*, — Alford, as extinct; one in Ashfield, by union of two; and Rockport, 2d, members returning to the 1st church. Total, January 1, 1869, 500.

In the year 1869, *new*, — Highland church, Boston; Gilbertville, in Hard-

wick; North church, Lynn; Packardville, in Pelham; White Oaks, in Williamstown; and Plymouth church, Worcester. *Dropped*, — Springfield street church, Boston; Cummington, First church; one in Manchester, by re-union of two; and Mount Washington. Total, January 1, 1870, 502.

In the year 1870, *new*, — Wesleyan church, Duxbury, from another denomination; and Walnut avenue church, Boston Highlands. *Dropped*, — Trinitarian church, Fitchburg; Mendon, extinct; White Oaks, in Williamstown, independent. Total, January 1, 1871, 501.

In the year 1871, *new*, — Mill River, in New Marlborough; and Park street church, West Springfield. *Dropped*, — None. Total, January 1, 1872, 503.

In the year 1872, *new*, — Chapel church, Cambridgeport; Miller's Falls, in Montague; West Medford; Newton Highlands; Lovell's Corner, in Weymouth; and Piedmont church, Worcester. *Dropped*, — Free church, Lawrence; and Monument, in Sandwich. Total, January 1, 1873, 507.

Two churches organized in the current year are not included, viz., Hollanders' church, Boston, and South Framingham.

According to the above, 49 names of churches have been dropped in this period (January 1, 1855, to January 1, 1873.) But, of these, two were and are restored; three were *twice* (and finally) dropped (having been once restored); and one (out of three) transferred to another State, was replaced. Of the 43 remaining as permanently dropped, 2 were transferred to other States, and are still flourishing. Three were and are Independent, and ought not to have been enrolled. Thirteen were formally united to other churches, or their membership advantageously re-organized. Eight were absorbed by others, also to advantage. And seventeen became actually extinct. Of these seventeen, some were needless efforts, by the side of other churches, — such as Plymouth ch. in Chelsea, Oak place in Boston, Roslindale in West Roxbury; while others died, such as Mount Washington, Mendon, Alford, Eastham, Holmes Hole, and Cummington.

According also to the above list, 89 churches have been entered on the list. But, of these, four (three once dropped, and one returned from R. I.) were duplicated. Three were Independent, and although still existing, were subsequently dropped. One came from the list of another State. Of the 81 remaining, three came into fellowship; four were old churches resuscitated; seven were re-organizations, or took place of old feeble ones, and are still existing. Of the 67 remaining, actually and entirely new, twelve eventually fell out by retraction or merging.

A concise view of the above is this: Of the 467 churches on the list January 1, 1855, 444 remain unchanged to this time. Of the 23 disappearing, — 2 were transferred to the lists of other States, and are still flourishing; and 2 really exist under re-organizations. Four were united with others, to mutual advantage. Of the remaining 15 dropped, — 5 were disbanded, and members dismissed to convenient churches, or members absorbed without formal disbanding; and 10 have died, in almost every instance from changes of population.

To the 444 thus continuing unchanged — 63 new names are permanently

added, now on the list. Of these, one came from the list of another State, and 2 were only re-organizations of churches feebly existing in 1855. Sixty were actually new. (In this period, 26 others have appeared and disappeared, 4 of which were duplicates, leaving 22; from which 3 Independent churches should be taken. The 19 remaining as both enrolled and dropped within this period include 11 which were united to other churches, or absorbed into them. Eight became extinct.)

The table next following gives the "total" of the statistics of each year for which there is anything reliable. It has been carefully revised, and is believed to be substantially correct.

GENERAL TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Bapt.		In Sab Schs.		Benev. Contributions.
	Wth Pas.	Wth A.P.	Va-cant	To-tal.	Pas-tors.	Act. Pas.	Oth-ers.	To-tal.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant	Total.	Av.at	
January 1, 1873,	307	127	73	507	316	127	173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,715	2,433	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,297	915	90,496	58,405	$436,359.48
" 1872,	299	123	81	503	304	123	164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61.571	438,479.35
" 1871,	292	134	75	501	297	134	166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	339,829.84
" 1870,	294	119	89	502	298	117	176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337.819 62
" 1869,	311	116	73	500	314	115	172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300.092.80
" 1868,	301	113	82	496	307	112	156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5 676	1,170	2,122	58	3.350	1.928	1.072	93,440	62,780	298,533.04
" 1867,	295	114	87	496	300	113	154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,044	2,316	6,060	1,220	2.051	114	3,385	2.314	1.168	90.820	61 407	315,321.72
" 1866,	310	109	74	493	316	107	166	589	23,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60.036	392,244.09
" 1865,	313	100	76	489	318	101	147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4.820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1.467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
" 1864,	317	99	73	489	324	98	164	586	22,965	48,989	74,119	11,511	2,145	1,459	3,604	1,429	1,473	109	3.011	1,011	1.057	86,962		
" 1863,	320	111	58	489	323	110	163	596	22,262	48,520	73,479	11,520	1,523	1,404	2,928	1,187	1,390	92	2.756	660	992	82.905		
" 1862,	315	97	79	491	323	95	157	575	23,218	49.976	74.243	11,800	1,346	1,502	2,841	1,225	1,357	87	2,669	646	1,066	82,909		
" 1861,	327	99	64	490	322	81	169	572	24.112	51,525	75.637	10,999	976	1,676	2,652	1,233	1,598	131	2.962	469	1.177	82,159		
" 1860,	325	81	82	488	333	78	176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3.110	780	1,293	80,124		
" 1859,	325	79	81	485	340	78	168	586	24,168	51,434	76,784	10,553	8,811	2,529	11,340	1,188	2,410	78	3.676	4,095	1.719	80,285		
" 1858,	348	64	70	482	358	63	129	550	21,426	46,668	69,176	10,614	2,993	2,027	5,020	1,135	1 949	87	3,171	1,293	1,411	73,210		
" 1857,	344	56	73	473	350	60	150	560	21,057	45,548	68,089	10,389	1,848	1,710	3,558	1,181	1,849	155	3,185	795	1,370	70,187		
" 1856,	345	65	63	473	356	63	139	558	20,565	45,391	68,515	9,534	2,444	1,790	4,234	1,082	1,801	101	2,984	1,032	1,279	66,862		
" 1855,	351	54	62	467	366	55	135	556	20,999	45,218	69,009	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2.890	737	1,254	66,147		
" 1854,	350	49	64	463	369	46	144	543	22,645	45,037	68,477	*6 513	1,681	2,063	3,744	974	1,151	91	2.216	719	1,203	65,207		
" 1853,	359	54	48	461	374	51	117	542	21,801	46,272	68,183	*6,702	2,114	1,775	3,889	1,111	1,592	103	2,706	774	1,318	66 048		
" 1852,	337	62	62	461	347	60					67,009		1,674	1,599	3,273	979	1,384	81	2.444	641	1,251	65,429		
" 1851,	348	63	50	461	359	65					67,297		3,449	1,975	5,424	949	1,589	110	2,648	1,371	1,477	66.427		
" 1850,	347	58	56	461	356	56					64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
" 1845,				440							65,467											62,108		
" 1840,				408							62.513											62,305		
" 1835,				387							49,089											44 040		
" 1830,				347							37,987											34,787		

Prior to 1830, number of churches at given dates: In 1620, — 1; 1630, — 2; 1635, — 13; 1640, — 26; 1650, — 39; 1700, — 83; 1750, — 239; 1790, — 324; 1800, — 343; 1810, — 281 (having dropped all that became Unitarian); 1820, — 291; 1825, — 310.

In the above table, — the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions," cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The pastoral supply (only) was regularly corrected to a date a few months later than January 1, but this does not change the general accuracy in any case.

*Absentees prior to 1855, doubtless stated too low.

INDEX OF ALL TOWNS AND CITIES

IN MASSACHUSETTS,

AND OF SUCH PARTS OF TOWNS (HAVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES) AS HAVE DISTINCT NAMES.

The statistics of churches in any town will be found in its County (pages 117–131); the *number* affixed to any town, in this list, is the number of the Conference (pages 91–98) with which its churches are connected. If no such number is given, the church is not connected with a Conference. "No church" means only "no Congregational church." The population of such towns, by census of 1870, is given in parenthesis.

Abington, *Plymouth*, 15.
Acton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Acushnet, *Bristol; no church* in the *town*, but New Bedford 1st is in Acushnet *village*. (1132.)
Adams, *Berkshire*, 3.
Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Alford, *Berkshire; no church*. (430.)
Amesbury, *Essex*, 6.
Amherst, *Hampshire*, 11.
Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Arlington, *Middlesex*, 18.
Ashburnham, *Worcester*, 23.
Ashby, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ashfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Ashland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assonet, in Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Athol, *Worcester*, 23.
Attleborough, *Bristol*, 20.
Auburn, *Worcester*, 22.
Auburndale, in Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Ayer, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ballardvale, in Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Barre, *Worcester*, 5.
Becket, *Berkshire*, 3, 4.
Bedford, *Middlesex*, 21.
Beech Woods, in Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Belchertown, *Hampshire*, 11.
Belleville, in Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
Bellingham, *Norfolk; no church*. (1282.)
Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Berkley, *Bristol*, 20.
Berlin, *Worcester*, 22.
Bernardston, *Franklin*, 8.
Beverly, *Essex*, 7.
Billerica, *Middlesex*, 21.
Blackstone, *Worcester*, 24.
Blandford, *Hampden*, 9.
Bolton, *Worcester; no church*. (1014.)
Boston, *Suffolk*, 18, 19.
Boxborough, *Middlesex*, 14.
Boxford, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
Bradford, *Essex*, 6.
Braintree, *Norfolk*, 15.
Brewster, *Barnstable; no church*. (1259.)
Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15, 20.
Brighton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Brimfield, *Hampden*, 5.
Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Brookline, *Norfolk*, 19.
Buckland, *Franklin*, 8.
Burlington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Byfield, in Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Cambridge, *Middlesex*, 18.
Campello, in No. Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Canton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Carlisle, *Middlesex*, 21.
Carver, *Plymouth*, 17.
Centreville, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Charlemont, *Franklin*, 8.
Charlestown, *Middlesex*, 18.
Charlton, *Worcester*, 5.
Chatham, *Barnstable*, 2.
Chelmsford, *Middlesex*, 1.
Chelsea, *Suffolk*, 18.
Cheshire, *Berkshire; no church*. (1758.)

Chester, *Hampden*, 9.
Chesterfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Chicopee, *Hampden*, 9.
Chilmark, *Dukes*, 16.
Chiltonville, in Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Clarksburg, *Berkshire; no church.* (686.)
Clinton, *Worcester*, 22.
Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Coleraine, *Franklin*, 8.
Concord, *Middlesex*, 13.
Conway, *Franklin*, 8.
Cummington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Curtisville, in Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Dalton, *Berkshire*, 3.
Dana, *Worcester*, 5.
Danvers, *Essex*, 7.
Dartmouth, *Bristol*, 16.
Dedham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Deerfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Dennis, *Barnstable*, 2.
Dighton, *Bristol*, 20.
Dorchester, Ward 16, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Douglas, *Worcester*, 24.
Dover, *Norfolk*, 13.
Dracut, *Middlesex*, 1.
Dudley, *Worcester*, 5.
Dunstable, *Middlesex*, 14.
Duxbury, *Plymouth*, 17.
East Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Eastham, *Barnstable; no church.* (668.)
Easthampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Easton, *Bristol*, 15.
Edgartown, *Dukes*, 16.
Eliot, in Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Egremont, *Berkshire*, 4.
Enfield, *Hampshire*, 11.
Erving, *Franklin*, 8.
Essex, *Essex*, 7.
Everett, *Middlesex*, 18.
Fairhaven, *Bristol*, 16.
Fall River, *Bristol*, 20.
Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Feeding Hills, in Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Fitchburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Florence, in Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Florida, *Berkshire; no church.* (1322.)
Foxborough, *Norfolk*, 12.
Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Franklin, *Norfolk*, 12.
Freetown, *Bristol*, 20.
Gardner, *Worcester*, 23.
Gay Head, *Dukes; no church.* (160.)
Georgetown, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Gilbertville, in Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Gill, *Franklin*, 8.
Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Goshen, *Hampshire*, 10.
Gosnold, *Dukes; no church.* (99.)
Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
Granby, *Hampshire*, 11.
Grantville, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Granville, *Hampden*, 9.
Great Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Greenfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Greenwich, *Hampshire*, 11.
Groton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Groveland, *Essex*, 6.
Hadley, *Hampshire*, 11.
Halifax, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hamilton, *Essex*, 7.
Hancock, *Berkshire; no church.* (882.)
Hanover, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hanson, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Harvard, *Worcester*, 14.
Harwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Hatfield, *Hampshire*.
Haverhill, *Essex*, 6.
Hawley, *Franklin*, 8.
Haydenville, in Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Heath, *Franklin*.
Hingham, *Plymouth*, 15.
Hinsdale, *Berkshire*, 3.
Holbrook, *Norfolk*, 15.
Holden, *Worcester*, 23.
Holland, *Hampden*, 5.
Holliston, *Middlesex*, 13.
Holyoke, *Hampden*, 9.
Hopkinton, *Middlesex*, 13.
Housatonic, in Gt. Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Hubbardston, *Worcester*, 23.
Hudson, *Middlesex; no church.* (3389.)
Hull, *Plymouth; no church.* (261.)
Huntington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Hyannis, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Hyde Park, *Norfolk*, 19.
Indian Orchard, in Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Ipswich, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Jamaica Plain, in West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
Kingston, *Plymouth*, 17.
Lakeville, *Plymouth*, 20.
Lancaster, *Worcester*, 14.
Lanesborough, *Berkshire*, 3.
Lanesville, in Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Lawrence, *Essex*, 1.
Lee, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leicester, *Worcester*, 22.
Lenox, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leominster, *Worcester*, 14.
Leverett, *Franklin*, 11.
Lexington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Leyden, *Franklin; no church.* (518.)
Lincoln, *Middlesex*, 13.
Linebrook, in Ipswich, *Essex*, 6.
Littleton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Longmeadow, *Hampden*, 9.

Lovell's Corner, in Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Lowell, *Middlesex*, 1.
Ludlow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lunenburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Lynn, *Essex*, 7.
Lynnfield, *Essex*, 7.
Malden, *Middlesex*, 21.
Manchester, *Essex*, 7.
Mansfield, *Bristol*, 12.
Marblehead, *Essex*, 7.
Marion, *Plymouth*, 16.
Marlborough, *Middlesex*, 13.
Marshfield, *Plymouth*, 17.
Mashpee, *Barnstable; no church.* (348.)
Mattapoisett, *Plymouth*, 16.
Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Medfield, *Norfolk*, 12.
Medford, *Middlesex*, 21.
Medway, *Norfolk*, 12.
Melrose, *Middlesex*, 21.
Mendon, *Worcester; no church.* (1175.)
Methuen, *Essex*, 1.
Middleborough, *Plymouth*, 16, 20.
Middlefield, *Hampshire*, 3.
Middleton, *Essex*, 7.
Milford, *Worcester*, 12.
Millbury, *Worcester*, 24.
Miller's Falls, in Montague, *Franklin*.
Mill River, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Mittineague, in West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Monroe, *Franklin; no church.* (201.)
Monson, *Hampden*, 9.
Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Monterey, *Berkshire*, 4.
Montgomery, *Hampden*.
Mt. Washington, *Berkshire; no church.* (256.)
Nahant, *Essex; no church.* (475.)
Nantucket, *Nantucket*, 2.
Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Needham, *Norfolk*, 13, 19.
Neponset, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
New Ashford, *Berkshire; no church.* (208.)
New Bedford, *Bristol*, 16.
New Braintree, *Worcester*, 5.
Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Salem, *Franklin*, 23.
Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Norfolk, *Norfolk*, 12.
Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
North Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Northborough, *Worcester*, 22.
Northbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
North Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
North Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Northfield, *Franklin*, 8.
North Reading, *Middlesex*, 21.
Norton, *Bristol*, 20.
Norwood, *Norfolk*, 19.
Oakham, *Worcester*, 5.
Orange, *Franklin*, 8, 23.
Orleans, *Barnstable*, 2.
Otis, *Berkshire*, 4.
Oxford, *Worcester*, 22.
Packardville, in Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Palmer, *Hampden*, 9.
Paxton, *Worcester*, 22.
Peabody, *Essex*, 7.
Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Pembroke, *Plymouth; no church.* (1447.)
Pepperell, *Middlesex*, 14.
Peru, *Berkshire*, 3.
Petersham, *Worcester*, 23.
Phillipston, *Worcester*, 23.
Pittsfield, *Berkshire*, 3.
Plainfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Plympton, *Plymouth*, 17.
Prescott, *Hampshire*, 11.
Princeton, *Worcester*, 22.
Provincetown, *Barnstable*, 2.
Quincy, *Norfolk*, 15.
Railway Village, in Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Randolph, *Norfolk*, 15.
Raynham, *Bristol*, 20.
Reading, *Middlesex*, 21.
Rehoboth, *Bristol*, 20.
Revere, *Suffolk*, 18.
Richmond, *Berkshire*, 3.
Rochester, *Plymouth*, 16.
Rockport, *Essex*, 7.
Rocky Hill, in Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Rowe, *Franklin; no church.* (581.)
Rowley, *Essex*, 6.
Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Royalston, *Worcester*, 23.
Russell, *Hampden; no church.* (635.)
Rutland, *Worcester*, 22.
Salem, *Essex*, 7.
Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Saugus, *Essex*, 7.
Saundersville, in Grafton, *Worcester*, 24.
Savoy, *Berkshire; no church.* (861.)
Saxonville, in Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Scituate, *Plymouth*, 17.
Scotland, in Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 20.
Seekonk, *Bristol*, 20.
Sharon, *Norfolk*, 15.
Sheffield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Shelburne, *Franklin*, 8.
Sherborn, *Middlesex*, 13.

Shirley, *Middlesex*, 14.
Shrewsbury, *Worcester*, 22.
Shutesbury, *Franklin*, 8.
Somerset, *Bristol*, 20.
Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Southampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Southfield, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
South Hadley, *Hampshire*, 9, 11.
South Scituate, *Plymouth; no church.* (1661.)
Southville, in Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southwick, *Hampden*, 9.
Spencer, *Worcester*, 5.
Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Sterling, *Worcester*, 22.
Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Stoneham, *Middlesex*, 21.
Stoughton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Stow, *Middlesex; no church.* (1813.) The church is in that part set off, in 1871, as Maynard.
Sturbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Sudbury, *Middlesex*, 13.
Sunderland, *Franklin*, 8.
Sutton, *Worcester*, 24.
Swampscott, *Essex*, 7.
Swansea, *Bristol; no church.* (1294.)
Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Templeton, *Worcester*, 23.
Tewksbury, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tisbury, *Dukes*, 16.
Tolland, *Hampden*, 9.
Topsfield, *Essex*, 7.
Townsend, *Middlesex*, 14.
Truro, *Barnstable*, 2.
Tyngsborough, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tyringham, *Berkshire; no church.* (557.)
Upton, *Worcester*, 24.
Uxbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
Wakefield, *Middlesex*, 21.
Wales, *Hampden; no church.* (831.)
Walpole, *Norfolk*, 12.
Waltham, *Middlesex*, 18.
Waquoit, in Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Ware, *Hampshire*, 5.
Wareham, *Plymouth*, 16.
Warren, *Worcester*, 5.
Warwick, *Franklin*, 8.
Washington, *Berkshire*, 3.
Watertown, *Middlesex*, 19.
Waverley, in Belmont, *Middlesex*, 19.
Wayland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Webster, *Worcester*, 24.
Wellesley, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 13.
Wellfleet, *Barnstable*, 2.
Wendell, *Franklin*, 8.
Wenham, *Essex*, 7.
Westborough, *Worcester*, 24.
West Boylston, *Worcester*, 22.
West Bridgewater, *Plymouth; no church.* (1803.)
West Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Westfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Westford, *Middlesex*, 14.
Westhampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Westminster, *Worcester*, 23.
West Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Weston, *Middlesex; no church.* (1261.)
Westport, *Bristol*, 16.
West Roxbury, *Norfolk*, 19.
West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
West Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Whately, *Franklin*, 11.
Whitinsville, in Northbridge, *Worcester*, 24.
Whittenton, in Taunton, *Bristol*, 20.
Wilbraham, *Hampden*, 9.
Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Williamstown, *Berkshire*, 3.
Wilmington, *Middlesex*, 21.
Winchendon, *Worcester*, 23.
Winchester, *Middlesex*, 21.
Windsor, *Berkshire*, 3.
Winter Hill, in Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Winthrop, *Suffolk; no church.* (532.)
Woburn, *Middlesex*, 21.
Worcester, *Worcester*, 22.
Worthington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Wrentham, *Norfolk*, 12.
Yarmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.

NAMES OF MINISTERS,

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE PAGE IN WHICH EACH NAME OCCURS IN THE STATISTICS OF ASSOCIATIONS OR CHURCHES.

This list includes only pastors or acting pastors and members of Associations. Its post-office addresses often differ from the foregoing pages, by reason of removals.

The first column of figures, (including pp. 99 115,) refers to *membership in Associations*; the second column (including pp. 117-131,) refers to *pastoral position*. A blank, in either case, signifies, — in the former, that one is not a member of any Association; in the latter, that he is not reported as in pastoral service. Post office addresses outside of Massachusetts are printed in italics.

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Abbott, Gorham D., LL. D., w. c., Eliot,	Presbytery of	Boston.
Bixby, Joseph P., a. p., Norwood,	"	"
Bradbury, Elbridge, pastor, Sandisfield,	"	Troy.
Campbell, Randolph, pastor, Newburyport,	"	Boston.
Clark, Edward L., pastor of Presb. ch., Harlem, N. Y.,	"	New York.
Cobb, Solon, pastor, Medford,	"	Boston.
Cone, Luther H., pastor, Springfield,	"	"
Cornell, William M., M. D., w. c., Boston,	"	"
Cushman, John P., late pastor, Royalston,	"	"
De Witt, John, pastor, Boston,	"	"
Durfee, Charles S., pastor of Presb. ch., Troy, N. Y.,	"	Troy.
Headley, Phineas C., w. c., Boston,	"	Boston.
Herrick, Samuel E., pastor, Boston,	"	"
Hilton, John V., pastor elect, East Boston,	"	Kalamazoo.
Holton, Isaac F., w. c., Everett,	"	Boston.
Jennison, Joseph F., a. p., Canton,	"	"
Karr, William S., pastor, Cambridgeport,	"	"
Newhall, Ebenezer, w. c., Cambridgeport,	"	"
Northrup, I. H., w. c., Utica, N. Y.,	"	Utica.
Perry, Cyrus M., a. p., Southwick,	"	Syracuse.

Terry, Calvin, a. p., North Haverhill,	Presbytery of	Boston.
Tracy, Hiram A., a. p., Sutton,	"	Cincinnati.
Watson, John P., a. p., Shutesbury,	"	Boston.
Whitney, John, w. c., Newton,	"	"

LIST OF CHURCHES

Whose post-office addresses are not clearly designated in the statistical tables. Towns and parts of towns named in the tables have post-offices of the same names, unless otherwise stated here.

Amesbury and Salisbury, Un. Evan. ch., p. o. Salisbury.
Becket, 1st ch., p. o. Becket Centre.
Boston, Village ch., Dorchester, p. o. Milton.
Boxborough, p. o. West Acton.
Cambridge, North av. ch , p. o. North Cambridge.
Cohasset, ch. at Beechwoods, p. o. Cohasset.
Danvers, 1st ch., p. o. Danvers Centre.
Freetown, ch. at Assonet, p. o. Freetown.
Ipswich and Rowley, ch. at Linebrook, p. o. Ipswich.
Lynnfield, Cen. Ev. ch., p. o. Lynnfield Centre.
Milton, ch. at Railway Village, p. o. East Milton.
New Bedford, 1st ch., p. o. Acushnet.
Newbury, 1st ch., p. o. Newburyport.
Newburyport, ch. at Belleville, p. o. Newburyport.
Newton, 1st ch., p. o. Newton Centre.
Newton, Central ch., p. o. Newtonville.
Northampton, Florence ch., p. o. Florence.
Pelham, ch. at Packardville, p. o. Pelham.
Salisbury, ch. at Rocky Hill, p. o. Salisbury.
Saugus ch., p. o. Saugus Centre.
Seekonk and East Providence ch., p. o. East Providence, R. I.
Somerville, ch. at Winter Hill, p. o. North Somerville.
Southborough, ch. at Southville, p. o. Cordaville.
Taunton, ch. at Whittenton, p. o. Taunton.
Weymouth, 1st ch., p. o. North Weymouth.
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NOTICES FOR 1875.

Meeting of 1875,—At Amherst, on the third Tuesday of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Provisional Committee for 1875, — Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, of Amherst; Dea. Lorenzo S. Nash, of Amherst; Prof. Edward Hitchcock, Amherst; Rev. Rowland Ayers, Hadley; and Rev. John F. Gleason, Williamsburg.

Associational Preacher for 1875, — to be designated by Franklin Association.

Special for Session of 1875, — Report of Committee on Systematic Christian Beneficence, — Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Boston, Rev. Joseph Boardman, Rev. Henry Hopkins, S. M. Bubier, O. W. Wilcox, Abner Kingman, and Philip Moen.

Expenses. — The scribes of the Conference are requested to ask the churches to contribute a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member, and to forward the amount to Mr. Geo. E. Clarke, Falmouth, treasurer, to meet the annual expenses now incurred. These amounts are needed at once. The number of the members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches, published in this pamphlet.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, New Bedford, *Secretary.*
From 1856; re-chosen 1874.

Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, *Registrar.*
From 1868; re-chosen 1874.

George E. Clarke, Falmouth, *Treasurer.*
Chosen in 1872.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Pigeon Cove, Essex Co., Secretary of the Committee on the Work of the Churches, — a full list of which committee will be found on page 10.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS met in the First Congregational Church in Lynn, June 16, 1874, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, pastor of the church.

The credentials of members were presented, and the list read by the Registrar.

A quorum was found to be present, and a ballot was had for annual officers. William C. Plunkett, of South Adams, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., of Sheffield, Assistant Registrar.

Rev. George E. Fisher, Joseph A. Cummings, and George K. Snow were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and subsequently reported as follows: —

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Delegates from the Ministerial Associations:

Andover, — Rev. Daniel Phillips, North Chelmsford.

Berkshire North, — Rev. Ephraim Flint, Hinsdale; Rev. Llewellyn Pratt, North Adams.

Berkshire South, — Rev. Francis H. Boynton, Mill River; Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield.

Brookfield, — Rev. Willard D. Brown, Gilbertville.

Cape Cod, — Rev. Edson J. Moore, Harwichport; Rev. Edward W. Noble, Truro.

Essex North, — Rev. Charles M. Hyde, Haverhill; Rev. Thomas R. Beeber, Georgetown.

Essex South, — Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich; Rev. George N. Anthony, Peabody.

Franklin, — Rev. Alfred F. Marsh, Shelburne.

Hampden East, — Rev. Luther H. Cone, Springfield.

Hampden West, — *None.*

Hampshire, — Rev. John F. Gleason, Williamsburg; Rev. Gordon Hall, Northampton.

Hampshire East, — Rev. George E. Fisher, South Hadley Falls; Rev. Edward C. Ewing, Enfield.

Mendon, — Rev. William M. Thayer, Franklin; Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson, East Medway.

Middlesex South, — Rev. Lucius R. Eastman, Jr., Framingham; Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Natick.

Middlesex Union, — Rev. Henry E. Cooley, Littleton.

Norfolk, — Rev. George F. Stanton, South Weymouth.

Old Colony, — Rev. Charles A. Kingsbury, Marion; Rev. Winfield S. Hawkes, Fairhaven.

Plymouth, — Rev. William H. Cobb, Chiltonville; Rev. Joseph Peckham, Kingston.

Salem, — Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, Marblehead; Rev. Frank B. Makepeace, Gloucester.

Suffolk North, — Rev. William S. Hubbell, East Somerville.

Suffolk South, — Rev. Edward A. Rand, Boston; Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Boston.

Suffolk West, — Rev. Samuel H. Dana, Newton Highlands; Rev. Samuel E. Lowry, North Newton.

Taunton, — Rev. Frederick A. Reed, East Taunton.

Woburn, — Rev. Edward Chase, Bedford; Rev. Webster Hazlewood, Stoneham.

Worcester Central, — Rev. Ebenezer Cutler, Worcester; Rev. E. Porter Dyer, Shrewsbury.

Worcester North, — Rev. L. Payson Broad, Baldwinsville; Rev. Leonard S. Parker, Ashburnham.

Worcester South, — Rev. William T. Briggs, East Douglas; Rev. Josiah W. C. Pike, Douglas.

Delegates from the Local Conferences of Churches:

Andover, — Milton Bonney, Lawrence; Oliver R. Clark, Tewksbury; Edward Buck, Andover.

Barnstable, — Hiram H. Heald, Sandwich.

Berkshire North, — Dea. William C. Plunkett, South Adams; Dea. George B. Perry, North Adams; Dea. Charles J. Kittredge, Hinsdale.

Berkshire South, — John Z. Goodrich, Stockbridge; Nathan Gibbs, Lee.

Brookfield, — Joseph A. Cummings, Ware; Dea. Henry Haynes, Sturbridge.

Essex North, — Dea. Amos Haseltine, Haverhill; Dea. Albert Currier, Newburyport.

Essex South, — Allen W. Dodge, Hamilton; David Stiles, Middleton; Dea. George F. Osborne, Peabody.

Franklin, — *None.*

Hampden, — Obadiah W. Wilcox, Springfield.

Hampshire, — Dea. William I. Edwards, Westhampton; Sidney E. Bridgman, Northampton.

Hampshire East, — Edward Smith, Enfield; Dea. Lorenzo S. Nash, Amherst; Dea. Eleazer Porter, Hadley.

Mendon, — *None.*

Middlesex South, — George Howe, Dover.

Middlesex Union, — *None.*

Norfolk,— Dea. J. O. Dean, Easton.

Old Colony, — Dea. Reuben Nye, Fairhaven; Joseph A. Bailey, Dartmouth.

Pilgrim, — *None.*

Suffolk North, — Aaron Bradshaw, Cambridgeport; Deacon Francis Flint, Cambridge.

Suffolk South, — *None.*

Suffolk West, — George K. Snow, Watertown; Franklin Snow, Boston; Benjamin F. Whittemore, Boston.

Taunton, — William W. Ellis, East Providence, R. I.; Benjamin King, Raynham; Dea. Eleazar Brown, Rehoboth.

Woburn, — D. Myron Damon, Reading; Matthew H. Merriam, Lexington; Joseph Tyler, Winchester.

Worcester Central, — Frank W. Knowles, Worcester.

Worcester North, — Dea. Abner H. Merriam, Templeton.

Worcester South, — Isaac T. Johnson, Upton.

Delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society:

G. Henry Whitcomb, Worcester; Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River.

Ex Officio:

Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, *Pastor of the Church.*

Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, New Bedford, *Secretary.*

Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, *Registrar.*

George E. Clarke, Falmouth, *Treasurer.*

HONORARY MEMBERS.

By Previous Appointments:

Rev. Edward S. Atwood, Salem, *Preacher of the Opening Sermon.*

Rev. Joseph Boardman, West Dracut, *Chairman of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.*

Also:

Rev. Alexander McGregor, *Secretary of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.*

Rev. Thomas N. Haskell, *From the General Conference of Colorado.*

Dea. Geo. W. Shelton, *Secretary of the Systematic Beneficence Society.*

Rev. William Barrows, *Sec'y Mass. Home Miss'y Soc'y*, Boston.

Bro. Tristram R. Dennison, *City Missionary*, New Bedford.

Rev. Selah B. Treat, *Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.*, Boston.

Rev. Chas. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y A. M. A.*, Boston.

Rev. Stedman W. Hanks, *Sec'y Seamen's Friend Soc.*, Boston.
Rev. Prof. Julius H. Seelye, Amherst.
Rev. Samuel F. Upham, Lynn.
Rev. Louis B. Voorhees, North Weymouth.
Rev. Francis V. Tenney, Saugus Centre.
Rev. S. Willard Segur, West Medway.
Rev. Frederick Oxnard, Sandwich.
Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans.
Bro. Harrison Prescott, Newton Centre.
Rev. Perley B. Davis, Hyde Park.
Rev. Marshall M. Cutter, Cambridge.
Rev. Edward G. Smith, Mattapoisett.
Rev. Edward F. Abbott, Andover.
Rev. Henry B. Hooker, Boston.
Rev. Albert Bowers, Huntington, West Va.
Rev. Charles B. Smith, West Medford.
Rev. Calvin G. Hill, Hamilton.
Rev. David Bremner, Boxford.
Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Middleton.

Rev. John F. Gleason, Rev. Leonard S. Parker, and Dea. Reuben Nye, were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, Rev. Edward S. Atwood, and Dea. Albert Currier, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Edward A. Lawrence.

Motion was made by Bro. Allen W. Dodge to strike out Section 7, Article XVI, of the Rules of the Association. The motion was laid over according to rule.

The Association proceeded to the election, by ballot, of a Secretary and a Registrar, each for the term of three years. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint was chosen Secretary, and Rev. James P. Kimball, Registrar.

The Association then took a recess until the time set for evening service.

Met at 7 1-2 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Samuel F. Upham, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Lynn. The sermon was preached by Rev. Edward S. Atwood of Salem, from the text, Col. 1 : 18 : "And He is the head of the body, the church." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, Rev. Luther H. Cone, of Springfield, and Rev. Perley B. Davis, of Hyde Park, officiating.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, June 17. The Association assembled at 8 1-2 o'clock, A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Charles M. Hyde, of Haverhill.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the Chair. Prayer was offered by Bro. Allen W. Dodge.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the first day's session were read and accepted.

The Committee on Credentials reported, and the report was accepted.

All Congregational ministers and church members present from other places were invited to sit with the Association as honorary members.

The Secretary read his report for the past year, and at his request it was voted that two committees be appointed, — one to report on the collecting of statistics and printing, and the other on the lists of ministers.

The report of the Secretary closed with a brief statement of the life and labors of those ministers who have died during the past year. After listening to this account, the Association united in singing the hymn, commencing

"Rest for the toiling hands,"

And joined in prayer, led by Rev. Henry M. Parsons.

The report of the Secretary was accepted.

On motion of Bro. Allen W. Dodge, it was

Voted, That our thanks be given to Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, for his long, faithful, highly acceptable, and wholly gratuitous services as Secretary of this Association.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence, appointed in 1873, was presented by Rev. Joseph Boardman, and the report was accepted.

On motion, Dea. George T. Shelton, of Birmingham, Conn., was invited to address the Association upon the subject of the report, which he did.

Rev. Henry M. Parsons moved the adoption of the resolutions appended to the report, and advocated the motion, which was carried.*

* Report printed in full, beginning on page 55.

The motion made at the session of the day previous, to strike out Section 7, Article XVI, of the Rules, was adopted.

The Committee on Nomination made the following report, which was adopted: —

THE STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES, 1874-5:

Chairman of Committees of Local Conferences. — Andover, Mr. James G. Buttrick; Barnstable, Rev. John W. Dodge; Berkshire North, Rev. Thomas Crowther; Berkshire South, Rev. Mason Noble; Brookfield, Rev. A. E. P. Perkins; Essex North, Rev. John D. Kingsbury; Essex South, None; Franklin, Rev. David A. Strong; Hampden, Rev. Samuel G. Buckingham; Hampshire, Rev. James P. Kimball; * Hampshire East, Rev. George E. Fisher; Mendon, Rev. Bernard Paine; Middlesex South, Rev. Daniel Wight; Middlesex Union, Rev. Franklin P. Wood; Norfolk, Rev. Elbridge P. McElroy; Old Colony, None; Pilgrim, Rev. Joseph Peckman; Suffolk North, Rev. George R. Leavitt; Suffolk South, Rev. Joseph B. Clark; Suffolk West, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson; Taunton, Rev. William W. Adams; Woburn, Rev. Charles R. Bliss; Worcester Central, Rev. William A. Houghton; Worcester North, Rev. Davis Foster; Worcester South, Rev. John R. Thurston.

Members at Large. — Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Rev. George N. Anthony, Rev. William Barrows, Rev. Joshua Coit, Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Rev. Henry M. Dexter, Rev. Nahum Gale, Rev. Lewis Gregory, Rev. John W. Harding, Rev. Henry Hopkins, Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Rev. James T. McCollom, Rev. D. Dana Marsh, Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Rev. Llewellyn Pratt, Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, Rev. Leverett W. Spring, Rev. Owen Street, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. James M. Whiton, J. Russell Bradford, Joseph S. Ropes, Marshall S. Scudder, William Thurston, William B. Washburn, O. W. Wilcox.

Ex-officio. — Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, Rev. James P. Kimball.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL:

Primaries:	*Substitutes:*
Rev. Jacob M. Manning, Boston.	Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Boston.
Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, New Bedford.	Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River.
Rev. Ebenezer Cutler, Worcester.	Rev. George H. Gould, Worcester.
Rev. Jas. P. Kimball, Haydenville.	Rev. Gordon Hall, Northampton.
Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, Lynn.	Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol.
William B. Washburn, Greenfield.	William Hyde, Ware.
John Z. Goodrich, Stockbridge.	Allen W. Dodge, Hamilton.
Ezra Farnsworth, Boston.	Henry S. Lee, Springfield.
John B. Gough, Boylston.	S. Angier Chace, Fall River.

* Requested to act until the Conference has made election.

Committee on List of Ministers: — Rev. Charles M. Hyde, Rev. Luther H. Cone, Edward Smith.

Committee on Collection of Statistics and Printing: — Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Obadiah W. Wilcox, Abner H. Merriam.

Auditing Committee: — Dea. Ebenezer Porter, Allen W. Dodge.

The following topic was then taken up for discussion — "*The Conversion and Christian Training of Children.*"

The discussion was opened by Rev. Gordon Hall, of Northampton, and it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be given to Rev. Gordon Hall for his able and interesting address, and that it be published with the Minutes.*

Prayer was offered by Rev. John F. Gleason.

An essay on the same topic was read by Sidney E. Bridgman, of Northampton, and remarks were made by Rev. Charles M. Hyde, Rev. Henry M. Parsons, and Rev. Edward A. Lawrence.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, and laid on the table for future action.

At his request, Rev. Mr. Noble was excused from serving on the committee on Statistics and Printing, and Rev. Ephraim Flint was chosen in his place.

The Association then took a recess until afternoon.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Committee of Nomination presented the names of Rev. John W. Harding and Bro. Charles H. Coffin as candidates for election as members of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and they were nominated.

The Association then took a recess, giving place to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

At 3½ o'clock the session was resumed, and the Association listened to a statement in regard to the financial condition and prospects of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from Secretary Rev. Selah B. Treat. On motion, this communication was referred to a special committee of five.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Secretary of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches, presented the report of that committee, and read it in part.

* Printed in full, beginning on page 47.

The report was accepted, and after discussion by Bro. Allen W. Dodge, Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, John Z. Goodrich, Oliver R. Clark, and Rev. A. H. Quint, it was

Voted, That this part of the report read be printed,* and the remainder be referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations, which were accepted: —

Committee on the communication of Mr. Treat: — Rev. Edward S. Atwood, Rev. Gordon Hall, Bro. John Z. Goodrich, Allen W. Dodge, Milton Bonney.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence: — Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Rev. Joseph Boardman, Rev. E. O. Bartlett, Rev. Henry Hopkins, Bro. S. M. Bubier.

The report of the Committee on Absentee Members of Churches, appointed last year, was read by Rev. Henry M. Parsons, and it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted.†

The Association listened to salutations from Rev. Alexander McGregor, Secretary of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and Rev. Thomas N. Haskell, of the General Conference of Colorado. A recess was then taken until the hour appointed for the evening session.

Association met at 7½ o'clock. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer led by Rev. Henry B. Hooker, the following resolution was offered and discussed: —

Resolved, That this Association cordially sympathizes with the churches of Williamsburg and Haydenville, in Mill River Valley, which have been so greatly afflicted by the recent disaster, in the loss of many members, in the crippling of their resources; and in this strong test of their Christian fidelity they need, not only our sympathy, but our substantial aid.

Remarks were made by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, Rev. John F. Gleason, of Williamsburg, Bro. Sidney F. Bridgman, Rev. James P. Kimball, of Haydenville.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: —

Resolved, That the General Association recommend to the churches of our order in the State, to take a single collection during the next six months for the churches in Williamsburg and Haydenville.

* Printed, beginning on page 16.

† Printed in full, beginning on page 62.

Addresses were then made by Bro. Franklin Snow, of Boston, Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Rockland, Bro. John Z. Goodrich, of Stockbridge, Rev. F. N. Peloubet, of Natick, Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Boston, and Rev. A. H. Quint, of New Bedford, and the exercises closed with singing and the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, June 18. The Association re-assembled at 8½ o'clock, A. M., and passed half an hour in worship, conducted by Bro. Frank W. Knowles.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator took the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Llewellyn Pratt, of North Adams.

The roll of members was called by the Registrar.

The Minutes were read and approved.

It was voted to reconsider the vote by which the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was elected, and the matter was referred back to the Nominating Committee.

The Committee on the statement made by Secretary Treat presented a report, which was adopted.*

The Committee on Nomination presented the following report, which was adopted : —

Place of next meeting, Amherst.

Provisional Committee of Arrangements : — Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, of Amherst ; Dea. L. S. Nash, of Amherst ; Prof. Edward Hitchcock, of Amherst ; Rev. Rowland Ayres, of Hadley ; and Rev. John F. Gleason, of Williamsburg.

The Preacher to be selected by the Franklin Association.

They also nominated the following committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was elected : —

Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Rev. Joseph Boardman, Rev. Henry Hopkins, Bros. S. M. Bubier, Obadiah W. Wilcox, Abner Kingman, and Philip Moen.

The following addition to a resolution adopted yesterday was offered by Rev. Henry B. Hooker, and adopted : —

We recommend that the funds given to the churches of Haydenville and Williamsburg, for the support and maintenance of their religious institutions, be forwarded to the following committee, for appropriation : Rev. Gordon Hall, D. D., Charles D. Waite, Esq., Dea. Wm. H. Hawks.

* Printed in full on page 61.

The Committee on the Lists of Ministers presented a report, which, with an added resolution, was adopted.*

The Committee on the Collecting of Statistics and Printing made a report, which was adopted, recommending what portion of the report on the Work of the Churches should be printed.

Rev. Daniel Phillips offered the following resolutions upon Temperance, which, after discussion, were adopted as follows:—

Resolved, That we recognize the leading position of the Christian Church in the moral reforms of the age, and its imperative obligation to press to the van by all rightful means the great issues of the day, to elevate and perfect the race.

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in the present movement of the temperance cause, and the efficiency of woman in its promotion.

Resolved, That we shall give these women as well as these men who strive to remove the curse of intemperance and other evils, our most hearty sympathy, prayer, and co-operation.

Resolved, That the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a mighty barrier to the progress of the Gospel in the State and land, and therefore the suppression of the traffic becomes a Christian duty.

The Association then took up the discussion of the question, "What shall we do to promote revivals?" which was opened by Rev. Henry M. Parsons, of Boston, who was followed by Rev. Alfred F. Marsh, Rev Stephen R. Dennen, Rev. Leonard S. Parker, Bro. Amos Tappan, Rev. George F. Stanton, Rev. Francis H. Boynton, and Rev. Perley B. Davis.

The Treasurer's Report was then taken up and accepted;† and it was

Voted, That the scribes of the local Conferences be requested to ask the churches for a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church member, and to forward it to the Treasurer of this body.

The Association then took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M. After the singing of a hymn, Rev. George N. Anthony, of Peabody, led in prayer.

Professor Julius H. Seelye addressed the Association on "India, as a Mission Field."

On motion of Rev. H. M. Parsons, a vote of thanks was tendered to Prof. Seelye for his able, eloquent, and instructive address.

* Printed in full on page 65. † Printed on page 66.

On motion of Rev. James P. Kimball, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the First Church in Lynn, and its pastor, for their cordial welcome, and to the churches and people of Lynn, for their abundant Christian hospitality.

Thanks are also tendered to the choirs of the churches for leading us so acceptably in the service of song, and to the several railroads which have given return tickets to persons attending the meeting. These railroads are the Eastern, Boston & Albany, Fitchburg, Old Colony, Boston & Lowell, Boston, Clinton, and Fitchburg, and Connecticut River.

Appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Alexander McGregor and the Moderator, and in response by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, pastor of the Church.

It was also

Voted, That the Association appreciates the courtesy and Christian kindness with which the Moderator has presided over it and facilitated its deliberations.

After remarks by the Moderator, singing, and prayer by Rev. A. H. Quint, the Association adjourned.

WM. C. PLUNKETT, *Moderator.*

JAS. P. KIMBALL, *Registrar.*

MASON NOBLE, JR., *Asst. Registrar.*

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES AND STATE OF RELIGION.*

THE time has returned for the yearly review of the work of the churches. Could we bring before ourselves the work actually wrought by these churches in souls and communities, what unspeakable interest would gather round it. But instead of the blessed harvests themselves, we are able to present only a package of dry leaves, — a mere reminiscence.

The General Association has been careful to press upon the attention of the Christian public the importance of a more systematic and more energetic church work; urging the churches to "a more exact and thorough mapping out of the Christian work before them, in marking the boundaries of their parishes, in making out full lists of the families and individuals for whom they are responsible, in adopting all feasible measures for strengthening Christian ties, and for promoting" all the varied forms of a constant and watchful activity. And now, after another year of labor, what record have we to lay before our Lord?

We give the reports of the Conferences in their order. No narratives have been received from the Worcester North, the Essex South, or the Old Colony, Conference.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE.

Reports have been received from all the churches. The statistical returns are complete, and have been printed for distribution throughout the Conference.

CHURCH GAINS. The additions upon confession exceed the removals by death, by 142; there were no excommunications; the accessions by letter exceed the dismissions, by 53 — making the gain for the year 195.

The *North Chelmsford* church greatly rejoices over the payment of the debt on its parsonage. The *South church, Lawrence*, increases its charities, this year, 500 per cent, and the explanation is found in its adoption of the "*Plan of Systematic Giving.*" The *Central church, Lawrence*, has improved its methods as follows: "At the Annual Meeting in January, a list of objects is carefully prepared and submitted to the church; each case is discussed and voted upon separately, and the times of collection assigned.

SABBATH SERVICES. In the *Central church, Lawrence*, the second sermon is regularly devoted to the Sunday School lesson; which tends to interest the whole congregation in the studies of the school. The *First*

* Accepted as on page 11.

church, Lowell, has changed the hour of the second service to 6 o'clock — with good results. The service is followed by a prayer-meeting. The increase of attendance on all the meetings is marked, and the house is more than full. The *Kirk Street church* also reports "continual increase." Its four deacons have been appointed *ushers,* and are "faithfully serving in that capacity." They "do not intend to have a stranger wait one second for a seat."

PRAYER-MEETINGS. Very gratifying accounts are received from a number of the churches, of the energy and interest of the meetings. It is such as to indicate a highly encouraging spiritual state. The *Kirk Street church* reports its *Monthly Concert* the most interesting of its prayer-meetings; and it is the testimony of its pastor, that "the brethren to whom fields have been assigned have worked up their departments in a manner that would do credit to the professors in our theological seminaries."

THE "SOCIAL MEETING" seems to possess a growing importance as an agency of the church. So reports the *Pawtucket church.* The *Central church, Lawrence,* holds such a meeting every three weeks; it is largely attended, and regarded by the pastor as "extremely important." In four of the Lowell churches, "Young People's Societies" have been organized, for social and literary purposes, occasionally holding public meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. The average attendance at the Sunday Schools is 70 per cent of their whole membership. The largest — First Church, Lowell — numbers 553. Eleven schools report an increase; but the total shows a falling off since last year, of 149. The general tone of the reports, however, is good.

OUTSIDE WORK Students of the *Theological Seminary,* in Andover, have engaged in Christian labors, with good results. The *West church, Andover,* has sustained two meetings; the *Pawtucket church,* a meeting in two out-districts, with occasional preaching; and the *Central church, Dracut,* another of similar character. In *Lawrence,* a City Missionary has been working efficiently; the *Central church* has appointed a Visiting Committee, whose duties, however, appear to be limited to the sick and strangers found among its own people. The *Tewksbury church* has maintained a Sunday School in an out-district which has brought under religious influences quite a number reached in no other way. The *Belvidere* Mission, in *Lowell,* is doing a good work.

TEMPERANCE. The *Reform Club* organized in *Lawrence,* last year, did well for a season. Recently, its zeal has been revived, and it holds public meetings in the City Hall, at which the ministers give addresses by turns. The secret orders of "Good Templars" and "The Temple of Honor" are also reported as useful. The Prohibitory Law is not administered with sufficient regularity to awaken a wholesome respect. In *Lowell,* the pastors of the *Appleton Street, High Street,* and *John Street*

churches have given prominence to this subject in their pulpits. In this city, also, the officers have shown more than ordinary zeal in the enforcement of the law, and in consequence some dealers have left the business. No "women's movement" is reported by any of the churches. In *North Andover*, the law is "useful."

REVIVALS. In the earlier part of the year, the *South church, Lawrence*, was visited by the presence of the Spirit in special power; in the *Central church* there has been a well sustained and uniform interest throughout the entire year; and in the city, generally, the cause of Christ has made progress, morals have improved, and there is much cause for gratitude and hope. In *Lowell*, the *First church* has enjoyed a precious season of revival, and reports 64 additions on confession of faith. No unusual meetings have been held, but a constant interest sustained, "every one working over against his own house." The Spirit has been moving powerfully upon the *Kirk Street church* and congregation. — The reports from this Conference, taken as a whole, may be said to indicate energy, alertness, and encouragement. Yet there has been a manifest lack of promptitude in securing the seasonable formation of new churches.

BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE.

The number of churches in this Conference is reduced by one; the church at *North Dennis*, with a membership, last year, of 44 souls, having been supplied for several years by Methodists, has now become connected with their Conference. Such an event gives rise to the question, Wherein have we, Congregationalists, been wanting?

PAYMENT OF DEBT. REPAIRS. The church in *Chatham* has been bending its energies for two years to the payment of debts, and is making rapid progress, having raised over $2,000, or nearly one half of the whole amount. The church in *Provincetown* has thoroughly remodelled its edifice, at a cost of $7,000; to do which, they have been obliged to task themselves to the utmost. In *Wellfleet*, the sum of $10,500 has been expended in improvements upon the interior of the meeting-house, and in the lecture-room.

REVIVALS. Few revivals were enjoyed until after the "Week of Prayer" of 1874; but upon the whole, the condition of the churches has much improved. The church at *West Barnstable* had suffered from a long period of barrenness, and had become so far discouraged that it did not venture to appoint meetings during the Week of Prayer. But a sermon upon "the necessity of calling upon God to pour out his Spirit," was blessed, in the awakening of the church, a growing solemnity, and the hopeful conversion of 4 persons within one week. Neighboring pastors were called in; preaching was continued, with conversation and prayer; and in spite of previous coldness, worldliness, division, and lack of courage and faith, and the various inconveniences of a sparsely set-

tled community, no less than 25 persons, of various ages, from 18 to 70 years, have given evidence of conversion; and others are looked upon with expectation. It is worthy of notice, however, that none have been reached who did not "belong to the regular congregation." At *Centreville*, 9 conversions among young people have occurred, the result of personal effort. At *Sandwich*, a precious revival has been enjoyed, its beginnings traceable to special prayer, last summer. Additional meetings were held during January and February, and special effort made for the Sunday School. The pastor was aided by a neighboring minister and a lay-evangelist. About 40 hopeful conversions have been recognized, 10 of which are of persons between 11 and 16 years of age. Nearly all have been regular attendants at church. In several cases, husbands and wives have been brought to Christ. In *Truro*, a town which suffers greatly from emigration, the admissions balance the losses, most of the young people are in the Sunday School, and neglecters are visited and conversed with by the pastor. At *South Wellfleet* 10 persons have been added to the church, on profession of faith. In *Yarmouth*, a quiet work of grace has been enjoyed, resulting in the quickening of the church to a greater activity than has been witnessed for the past six years, and in hopeful conversions to the number of 20 or more. At *West Yarmouth*, also, the church has been quickened to new life. The people raise $400 for their minister, instead of $250 as formerly, though their numbers have diminished. Families once little interested are now among the most self-denying. For sixteen years no additions had been made to this church; but since the first of January 2 persons have been received. The meetings are very interesting. These encouraging tokens may be viewed as the fruit of regular preaching, now for the first time enjoyed for several years.

METHODS. In *Centreville*, the young people interested in personal religion have been gathered into a "*Believer's Class*," which meets every Sabbath afternoon, after the service. They are here instructed in the duties of the Christian life and prepared for admission to the church. In connection with this, there is another "*class for little children* who really love Jesus."

Another pastor has been in the habit of gathering half a dozen boys at a time in his study, reading to them, talking with them, praying with them; and sometimes having a good deal of singing. His wife has held similar meetings of girls. At present, he brings thirty or forty young people together, encouraging any who are willing, to take part.

Still another pastor finds that, during a season of religious interest, "the most useful means of grace has been a *Young People's meeting* held for three quarters of an hour before the Sabbath evening service." "Both young ladies and young men have taken part in it." "The presence of the Spirit has been manifest in all the meetings." Also, "A class of girls has been formed which meets on Saturday afternoons, for instruction in

practical religious duties. In *Falmouth* a "Town Conference," comprising its four churches, has been organized, and meets at intervals during the winter at each of the churches. These meetings are "well attended, very delightful and profitable." In *Wellfleet* "the labors of a faithful *lay-worker* (connected with a Boston church) among the neglecters in the outskirts of the town, have resulted in the hopeful conversion of about 20 souls."

FAILURE? In only a single instance does an unfavorable report come to us, this year, and that most unexpectedly from *Hyannis*. Last year the indications were very favorable. Under the labors of Rev. *J. W. Turner*, who was sustained by the Home Missionary Society, the Sabbath School was largely increased, and the congregation numbered something like 200. Mr. Turner has since been called away, and there is no stated preaching in the Congregational Church. It is evident that a persistent work is called for by a resident laborer. Unless outside help is afforded, the church will be lost. The report of the Committee seems to imply a doubt whether this help is obtainable.

REVIEWS. "There are some special encouragements for Christian effort among the neglecters of the sanctuary within this Conference. The population is almost purely *American;* there is little intemperance; morals — even among those who reside outside of the villages and have no Sabbath privileges — are comparatively high; the court-docket calls forth remark, for its brevity; the Sabbath is outwardly respected by almost all. But there are also discouragements. There is a general stagnation, — a few favored villages excepted, — which reaches the churches themselves. The quietness that steals in from the sea makes effort more irksome than in manufacturing towns. There is an amount of unorganized error which has gradually but steadily enlarged, in part from lack of vigorous efforts to disseminate the truth among the young people. In some of the towns, the churches are compassed about by this unbelief, and are being slowly crowded into smaller limits."

"Two or three suggestions seem important: 1. The churches that hire pastors from year to year, and which, consequently, have not the advice of a council, need to exercise great care to secure men of positive, evangelical sentiments. The tide of error sets strongly around some of our pulpits."

2. "Neighborhood prayer-meetings and Sabbath Schools, maintained by laymen, are called for in connection with almost all of our churches. At those seasons when the brethren of the church are absent at sea, *experience shows that these efforts can be sustained with equal efficiency by the sisters.*"

3. Frequent conferences among neighboring churches stimulate to Christian activity and nourish a spirit of fellowship. Several of the churches have arranged such meetings.

Berkshire North.

[The reports from the churches of this Conference — with a single exception — have arrived too late for publication.]

From the church in *North Adams* comes a gratifying story of *revival.* No less than 49 persons united with this church on profession of faith, in the year 1873; and since the first of last January 123 more have confessed Christ, while "still the work goes on"; and a goodly number of additions were, at last accounts, expected at the next communion. "We have found," says the pastor, "the good results of *organisation*, in many ways, during this time of interest, and have been able to carry forward the work without any outside help."

"Our parish is divided into nine neighborhoods, each under the charge of a member of the church committee, whose duty it is to report newcomers, visit the sick, invite strangers and neglecters, attend prayer-meetings appointed in the neighborhood, and in general, watch for the spiritual good of his neighborhood."

"The church committee meets once a month, and hears reports from the various neighborhoods. Points of special interest in these reports are repeated at the next church prayer-meeting by the pastor."

"Branch Sunday Schools are held in three of these neighborhoods. In the more distant, prayer-meetings are held in rotation, which are attended by the pastor, the committee man in charge, and two or three young people selected from the Young People's Association, in addition to residents."

"The good effects of this parish work are manifest in the increased attendance upon church services, the growth of the Sunday School, the drawing in of families hitherto classed as neglecters, and the steadily increasing influence of the church upon the whole commnnity. We are preparing for a more vigorous working out of the *parish idea;* believing fully that our responsibility is not limited to a care of ourselves but extends to all within our territory not cared for by other churches. We have found that 'there is that scattereth and yet increaseth.'"

"The Sunday School has gained in numbers and efficiency. *Thirty-nine* of its members were among those who joined the church in 1873. Church fellowship and activity have been promoted by methods reported before. A marked degree of interest among the young continued through the year. There was no communion without additions to the church."

Berkshire South.

The Committee of this Conference are enabled to present reports from all the churches; making, in the aggregate, a statement deeply significant and interesting.

Movements. Last year two towns (Otis and Alford) were reported as without regular services. This lack has now been supplied. The church

at *Alford* had been dropped from our list. Various efforts had been made, in years past, by the Secretary of the State Committee and by the Committee of the Berkshire South Conference, but, for lack of funds, had failed. Of late, however, the people of the town had been feeling "the need of some means of intellectual and moral improvement, for two or three winters a Reading Circle was successfully carried on," and, at the beginning of last year, steps were taken to raise money for repairs to the meeting-house, and for the re-establishment of religious services. By the first of June a minister had been secured; and ever since, there have been regular services, with a fair audience and a good Sunday School. The church at *Otis* — also long without preaching — has ordained a pastor. More has likewise been done at *Mt. Washington* this year than the year before. The Home Missionary Society sent a theological student to labor there, who received a hearty welcome. The church in *Sandisfield* still maintains services at the Centre, although their former pastor, aided by a portion of its congregation, has established a movement in the Town Hall, at *New Boston*, with good prospects of success.

THE OUT-DISTRICTS appear to be looked after with commendable watchfulness and enterprise. The only new movement reported in this line of effort is the establishment, by the *Southfield church*, of a four-o'clock service in *North Norfolk*, during the months of the summer and the early fall, with the organization of a Sunday School.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. A most interesting statement is furnished by the church in *Lee* respecting efforts there made in behalf of the young. The pastor holds two Bible classes for girls, alternately, at his study, on Friday afternoons, at four o'clock. The junior class embraces those from 12 to 16 years of age; and the senior, those over 16, "fifty belonging to both classes." "Bible lessons are prepared, and also lessons on practical piety and Christian experience." The classes have "proved eminently successful. Most of the 13 additions to the church, last year, were members of them."

"For boys and young men — from 12 to 20 years of age — there is a prayer-meeting every Sabbath afternoon, one hour before the evening service, the pastor being occasionally present. Almost all who attend this meeting become members of the church." "Religious tracts and books are freely circulated." Pains are taken to make "*the church* the centre of all religious interest and the source of all Christian activity. Young men who are members of it go out to evening meetings in the out-districts."

"*Fellowship meetings* are also occasionally held; and meetings for young men at the parsonage. A very large proportion of the young people of this congregation are members of the church."

The church in *Monterey*, although its acting pastor "is with them but little during week-days, still maintains its *District System*, reported last year." The church, at its Annual Meeting, appoints *District Committees*,

who visit and have religious conversation with all persons in their several districts, and *make written reports* of their work to the church. In this way, neglecters — who constitute, perhaps, two thirds of the population of the town — are all reached.

FREE SEATS. The Free Seat System inaugurated by the Congregational church in Sheffield, four years ago, has now been adopted by all the other churches in the town, as well as by churches in some other towns.

REVIVAL. The church in *New Marlborough* was visited with a revival early in 1873. "It *began*, in the pastor's own experience, upon his return from the meeting of the American Board; and, in the church, with the Week of Prayer." There was manifest "a desire for it, on the part of praying people." A second week of prayer was held; then a third; and the meetings were continued for three months. Young people were early interested; and upon invitation, remained for conversation. A weekly young people's meeting was established. The interest increased until few, if any, of the youth of the parish or the students of the *Institute* remained unaffected. The hopeful conversions numbered 35. The means were *prayer* and *conversation*.

REVIEW. The year, however, has had its shadows. Three pastors, young men of great promise, *Tolman*, *Burpee*, and *Hooker*, have been called from their sorrowing parishes. "But the way in which these brethren were treated by their people, not as hirelings, but as dearly beloved pastors, as the messengers of God, through whom those who loved the Master might honor him and minister to him, shows, indeed, a bright and blessed side to this scene of mourning."

A careful study of the returns reveals shadows of another kind. The removals by death and excommunication exceed the additions upon confession of faith, by 1; the removals by letter exceed the admissions by 29. An *apparent* reduction in membership of 70 more, results from a revision of lists. In only 4 churches have the gains exceeded the losses; in 11, the record is the other way.

The neglect of *Infant Baptism* is very marked. "Only 13 such baptisms are reported, and 5 of these from the church in *Lee*, — a fact which, considered in connection with the report from that church and the number of young people in its membership, seems to be instructive. Only 6 churches prove by works their faith that our children are included in God's covenant with us."

In seeming connection with this, stands the fact that the decrease in the Sabbath Schools is greater than that of the churches. *Egremont* reports a gain of 51, and 3 others, smaller gains; but the falling off, on the whole, is 152, and the average attendance has diminished 91.

The *benevolent contributions* of the churches, however, show a gain of not less than $3,400. If gifts to the Sunday Schools were reckoned in, the gain would be over $3,800.

BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE.

"A careful search into the reports of the churches in the Brookfield Conference, for the past year, shows a fair average of prosperity. Three pastors have been dismissed by council, and four have been installed. One church edifice has been burned, but will be promptly replaced by another and better one. One society is repairing their house of worship at a proposed expense of $10,000; and the munificence of wealthy and interested men, in one manufacturing village, has erected a superb stone church, at a cost of about $75,000, to be unconditionally given to the parish. Contributions for missionary purposes have reached about the usual sum, many churches giving regularly and upon principle. And here we urge that the gifts of the church are a conspicuous and influential expression of their love for God's cause before the world, as the latter well know that "avarice is the most universal and insatiable passion" among men. Therefore, when the Gospel rules the purse of the church, it does something great and significant. Donations of money may not always gauge the piety of the people of God, but they often do. If people give well, they are likely to get honestly; and so, their getting and giving will illustrate and enforce the excellencies of Christ's truth."

"No *revival* has been enjoyed by any church during the year, but a considerable number of persons have been hopefully converted to God, some of whom have made a profession of their faith, and some are expected soon to do so. In one society, a young man of Romanist antecedents became interested in personal religion and was converted. No ridicule or opposition from his associates have been successful in turning him from a firm and helpful performance of duty."

"In some of the religious societies the people have been prompt to furnish sufficient pecuniary means to meet all the expense of supporting the Gospel, in some instances removing old and encumbering debts."

"The matter of *free sittings* has been agitated in several parishes, and the plan adopted in one. The sentiment of a majority of the churches is, however, in the direction of a certain and exacted payment for the preaching of the truth."

"The cause of *Temperance* has received attention, and the pledge has been circulated, securing a considerable number of names, especially among the youth; in whom is our main hope of extirpating the giant evil of strong drink."

"To some of the *Sabbath School libraries* quite large additions have been made, and the interest in investigating divine truth has steadily increased. We are, perhaps, justified in believing that there is a growing wish among all classes to ascertain the exact import and meaning of Scripture truths; that a love of the Word, and not artificial machinery, is drawing some, at least, into the Sabbath School."

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

The returns from this Conference are complete. A decided increase is manifest in contributions to most of the regular objects of benevolence. The general condition of the churches would seem to have also improved.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS. The church at *Amesbury Mills* has made very extensive repairs on their house of worship. For the same object, the *Union church of Salisbury and Amesbury* have expended $3,000. The *Byfield* church has finished a commodious vestry. The *First church, Georgetown*, has expended $15,000 in repairs; and the *North church, Haverhill*, $18,885 on its new house of worship.

CHURCH WORK. REVIVALS. The reports indicate a most encouraging measure of steadfastness in good enterprises, in the forms of Christian activity newly started, as well as in the older ways; and these have been attended with excellent results, many of which cannot be exhibited in a report. In *West Amesbury*, a *Branch Sunday School* has been successful in reaching twenty-five scholars and a number of families who before had not so much as a nominal relation with any denomination. Three *neighborhood meetings* have been a very marked help to an increased spirituality. There have been many hopeful conversions. Some who are not communicants join in Christian labors. The use of "*the weekly offering*" has increased the contributions *twenty-five per cent.* The pastor speaks hopefully of new efforts now in progress. In *Amesbury Mills*, likewise, the year has been one to be gratefully remembered, as a season of spiritual quickening and growth. Several communion seasons have been made joyful by additions on confession, numbering in all 19, and others are looked for. There has been a good success in all departments of church work; and in the society and church both, a healthy growth. The church unite in saying, Truly the hand of our God has been upon us for good! In the *Union church*, there has been a quiet interest, with some conversions. The *First church, Bradford*, has been blessed with a special interest in its *neighborhood meetings*, one of which has been very encouraging; while in other parts of the town there are tokens not a few of the blessed presence of the Spirit. The Branch Sunday School finds its work very hopeful. The Sabbath congregations, also, have been large, and characterized with a devout attention. Many are indulging a Christian hope who have not yet united with the church. Considerable religious interest has likewise shown itself at *Groveland*, giving rise to hope; and new efforts have there been made in the *Temperance* cause. The *North church, Haverhill*, has enjoyed tokens of the Divine presence; many have confessed Christ, and the hopes of years have been fulfilled. In *Byfield*, also, a quiet work of grace commenced near the beginning of the year; five were added to the church, and quite recently the interest has deepened and extended. All the churches in *Ipswich* village have been blessed with a remarkable

outpouring of Divine influence, resulting in very large accessions, and a great reinvigoration.

The *Sunday Schools* appear to be, generally, in excellent condition. The churches which are weak in numbers, are, most of them, doing well. Hardly any mention of *Temperance* is made in the reports; and we may probably infer that but little activity has been manifest in this cause. Nor do we hear of any particular endeavors to check the tendency, prevalent in the large towns, to a disregard of the Lord's Day. Of the churches, it may be said that most have held on the even tenor of their way with more than ordinary vigor; that quite a number have been peculiarly blessed; and that some are working with inventiveness and system and the very best kind of success.

Franklin Conference.

Communities. — A very great diversity is found in both the temporal and spiritual condition of different parts of this Conference. Some of its communities are growing in population and energy, but many are suffering a steady depletion. Some of the churches have been blessed with the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit; others are like "the heath in the desert," and do "not see when good cometh." In many localities the population is stationary in numbers, but not in character, since the newcomers by no means make good the places of such as have gone away. The *Coleraine* church has sent out a hundred members of its parish within the past eight years; and the town of *Wendell* has lost the same number within five years, — or one sixth of its population.

The Churches. — And yet from a goodly proportion of the churches come encouraging reports; and in all, we have reason to believe, the past year has been a year of faithful labor. At Bernardston, we find a growing interest in Christian work, the Sunday School vigorous, and no little thoughtfulness on matters of religion. *Charlemont* has added 10 persons on confession of faith, and has made a net gain of 7 in its membership, and is able to say, — what many stronger churches, we fear, could not say, — "Neglecters are visited." *South Deerfield* reports a net gain of 16 and *Ashfield* of 5; of *Wendell* it is recorded, that while the numbers are diminishing in church, society, and town, the few who care for religious things were never more united or steadfast. The Sabbath services are well attended. A week-day service is kept up in out-districts, and religious literature is regularly and liberally distributed. From *Heath*, also, another mountain town, whose old church, once among the largest and best in the State, was for years sadly divided, and then for years the object of persistent attack and misrepresentation, we get tokens of encouragement. The church has ceased to dwindle. It now holds its own, has made liberal expenditures upon its house of worship, is reaching a larger number of families, and its minister has succeeded in setting laymen at work in sustaining a Sunday School in *Monroe*, a little town some ten

miles away, too small to maintain a church. The church in *South Deerfield* has kept up meetings in out-districts; that in *Coleraine* has aided in Sunday Schools, and preaching in two remote neighborhoods. ' In *Shelburne*, nearly half of the congregation attend the Sunday School.

EXPEDIENTS. In *East Charlemont*, responsive readings have been adopted in the morning service, and the weekly meetings are varied; so that besides prayer-meetings, they have had *Praise* meetings, *Promise* meetings, and *Purpose* meetings. We also hear of *Experience* meetings from another church. In *Orange*, the parish has been divided into *neighborhoods*, a certain person being appointed to the oversight of each, and having it among his duties to see that appropriate visiting is done by the proper persons. In *Warwick*, a *song service* on Sunday evenings brings out nearly as many as the earlier services.

REVIVAL. There has been some religious interest in several places. In *South Deerfield*, a revival has been enjoyed, commencing in a visit of the delegation from the Young Men's Christian Association which has been "canvassing" the State. In *Orange*, a "powerful revival" was in progress in April of the present year.

TEMPERANCE. — Little is said in the church reports on this subject, and that little is not of a particularly encouraging nature. The churches are not doing much for the removal of intemperance.

SLOW AND UNSURE. At *Turner's Falls* a lot has been selected (but not secured), long after other denominations had made their choice; and it is possible that by the time their churches are self-supporting, *Congregationalists* may be making a beginning.

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

The report from this Conference has been delayed, and is not received in season for publication. The Conference, however, is in the habit of publishing, every fall, a pamphlet of some twenty-four pages, giving in detail the narratives of the churches, with an admirably complete table of contributions. We are unable to give, at this late hour, even an abstract of this publication; but can only call attention to a few important points. In the first place, the energy with which this Conference takes hold of *business*, is very noteworthy. Its meetings are something more than occasions of social interest. Secondly, the Conference has taken steps to provide "church visitations, local conferences, and other measures" for a really effective co-operation and fellowship. Thirdly, it has organized a highly successful system of reports as a part of the proper fellowship of the churches, and secures from every church a narrative, and an account of contributions. It has substantially adopted the "*Memorandum of Topics*" issued by the State Committee.

The Conference is pressing vigorously forward in all its plans, and the general record of the year is encouraging.

Hampshire Conference.

"The past year has been one of blessing to the Hampshire Association. At the present time nearly all the churches are supplied with ministers. Pastors have lately been settled over the churches in Southampton and in Westhampton. There have been revivals of religion more or less extensive in several of the churches. The church in *Chesterfield*, which for several years has been growing weaker, has been much quickened, and there have been, perhaps, 30 conversions; among them, several heads of families. Quite a number of the young people in *Williamsburg* and *Northampton* have given their hearts to the Saviour; in *Westhampton* and in *Southampton*, the Spirit of God has been poured out, the preaching of the Word has been blessed, and many have forsaken their sins. Probably 30 or 40 in each of these towns give evidence of conversion."

"In externals, most of the churches have been prosperous and have been making good progress. A very sad calamity has come upon the town of Williamsburg and one of the villages in Northampton in the bursting of a large reservoir which flooded the valley of Mill River, destroyed property to the value of more than a million of dollars, and took nearly 140 precious lives. The *First church* lost thirteen members and at least thirty of the congregation, — in some instances whole families being swept away, — and will be somewhat weakened by its loss of property. The *Haydenville church* lost two members and several others from the congregation; and in property connected with the parish was damaged to the amount of at least half a million dollars. The chapel at Leeds, where the members of the Haydenville church sustained a Sunday School and worshipped on Sunday afternoons, was utterly swept away, so that it is almost impossible to mark the spot where it stood. The church at Haydenville had just completed a new chapel and had beautified the house of worship,— in all, at an expense of $12,000, all of which had been freely subscribed. Should the manufactories which have been swept away be rebuilt, this church may again be prosperous, but for the present its lot is a hard one."

"All of our towns are more or less under the curse of intemperance, and there is a feeling in some quarters that our churches must bestir themselves or the ruin will be great."

Hampshire East Conference.

Public Services. — Few modifications have occurred. Some "pleasant *choral services*" have been held on Sabbath afternoons, and "*responsive readings* have been introduced at the communion, with measurable success," by a single church. Several have successfully adopted "Bible-readings" in connection with prayer-meetings. One church has added to the interest of its prayer-meetings by "giving out *questions or topics* to particular persons a few days before the meeting, after the manner recom-

mended by Dr. Todd in the *Congregationalist.*" Brethren whose lips had been sealed have thus been led to take an active part in the conversations and discussions *Praise meetings* have also met with favor.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS, on the whole, make a very gratifying report. They are largely attended, with an appearance of great and growing interest. One church gives half of the evening on which the prayer-meeting is held to the study of the lesson. From another, we learn of very faithful visitation of the scholars at their homes, with blessed results. A third sets apart one Sabbath in each month as "the children's day." A sermon in the morning treats of religious training; in the afternoon comes a Sunday-school concert, with an address by the pastor; and the evening prayer-meeting also is devoted to the children and youth, with some special reference to baptized children.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AND ACTIVITY — Not much progress has been made in these respects. A fair amount of enterprise has been shown in holding meetings in various neighborhoods and out-districts, but with no very marked zeal or success.

No *revivals* are reported.

TEMPERANCE AND MORALS. — The *East church, Amherst*, reports a "Temperance revival" — meetings held nearly every week, many pledges taken, drinkers apparently reclaimed, public sentiment roused to demand a more vigorous enforcement of the law, and, as a consequence, a visible improvement in morals. In other places, fresh efforts have been made with some success.

FAMILIES. — The number of *families* reported as under the care of the churches is larger by 40 than last year, — equivalent to an increase of about 200 souls.

MENDON CONFERENCE.

The church at *East Medway* has been trying the experiment of the *enlistment* card. It has also kept up a service at *Rockville*, furnishing preaching once in two weeks At *West Medway* a new pastor, Rev. S. W. Segur, has entered upon his labors. Extensive repairs have been made in the meeting-house, the congregation worshipping with the Baptists. At *Medway Village*, also, the house of worship has been undergoing repairs, and services have been held in a hall, with some increase of the congregation. Parish sociables — for children and adults together — have been largely attended. The church at *Medfield* reports the Sunday School larger and more interesting than formerly; an increase of religious interest; a new chapel built, and the meeting-house repaired and refurnished, and supplied with a new organ. At *Norfolk*, the pastor, Rev. Jesse K. Bragg, has been laid aside from active duties, and the church has been without a Sabbath service. The Sabbath School, however, continues to meet, and the church has, at some cost, helped sustain a Branch school at *City Mills*. A good deal of interest is taken in the cause of Temperance.

A large foreign immigration is rapidly changing the character of the community. The church at *Foxborough* has been developing a goodly measure of activity by means of an *enlistment circular*. Over one hundred of them were returned to the pastor with the signatures of persons willing to bear their part in the work of the church. The result has been favorable every way. There has been a larger and more regular attendance at prayer-meetings; "leaders" have made regular monthly reports in their several departments; hospitality has been more watchfully and promptly attended to; considerable attention has been given to the sick. A Branch Sunday School has been sustained at *South Foxborough*. Assistance has also been rendered to a similar effort at *East Foxborough*, where, also, a neat chapel has been built, and paid for by subscription, the people manifesting zeal in the enterprise. A growing interest, in the fall of 1873, has, since the beginning of this year, culminated in a precious *revival*.

Middlesex South Conference.

Reports have been received from all the churches.

Families. Twelve churches have 1655 families, registered as under their care, an average of 138. The smallest parish embraces 30, the smallest but one, 40 families; and there are three numbering severally 310, 300, and 275. No other reports over 140.

Gains. Only eight churches make definite returns of gains and losses; and these cannot be taken with any certainty as representative of the Conference. They show a total net gain of only 37 members.

The Sunday Schools appear to be in a very encouraging condition. The largest reported is in Natick, numbering 525, a gain of 75, with an average of 333, which is a gain of 40. The school in *Hopkinton* has over 450 members; and that in *South Framingham* is manifesting a most praiseworthy spirit and energy.

Religious Interest. Seven churches make mention of an increased interest in personal religion. From one we hear, "Quite a number are inquiring"; from another, "Quite a number of conversions, and some who were in the twilight have come out into the marvellous light of the Gospel." A pastor who appoints one evening in a week for conversation has almost always found some "who wished to talk with him about Christ." Still again, we hear of "expressed interest," a "desire for prayers," and of a "growing in the divine life." In *Framingham*, there was a hopeful state of feeling throughout the Autumn, which increased and became quite general; and about 30 persons have found hope in Christ.

Church Work. The church in *Framingham* has started a Branch Sunday School, numbering from 30 to 40 members. In *Natick*, meetings held in two out-districts under the direction of the Young Men's Association have been crowded, and have proved the "most interesting prayer-meetings in town, resulting in some conversions." A daily half-hour

prayer-meeting has also been sustained in the village. In *Hopkinton*, likewise, similar meetings are held by the Young Men's Association; and "a sharp lookout is kept up for new-comers, to get them into the Sunday School and the church." A steady gain in the number of church-goers is apparent. Neglecters are not on the increase. In *Sherborn*, one meeting a week is held in different neighborhoods, and reaches, with marked benefit, some who do not habitually attend church.

In *Natick*, the "Young People's Meeting" has been reorganized. Committees on Welcome, Fellowship, Music, and Conducting meetings, have been formed. Young men and young women take part in the conversation, in prayer, and in leading the meetings, which are free from formality, no one rising to speak. The pastor and his wife are almost always present. The meetings "seem to be a *growing* power for good." The church has lost its house by fire. In *Hopkinton*, a Young People's Bible-reading service has proved very successful, the average attendance being over thirty, — nearly all young people who were not in the habit of attending the prayer-meeting.

The church in *Southville* reports a parish of over 60 families, numbering 250 souls. Of these not more than 120 can be reckoned attendants. Of the 60 fathers of families only 24 are attendants. Most of the people are young. But matters are improving. The little church undertook, a year ago, to support a pastor; and though the burden is heavy, yet the good cause has gained, and the church is looking forward with hope. In *Concord*, there has been an increase of 25 per cent in the congregation, and a general advance. In *Sudbury*, although Irish families often take the places of those which emigrate, yet on the whole the cause of Christ advances, and the future wears a hopeful look. In *Sherborn*, there are many neglecters, mostly belonging to families having only a nominal connection with the Unitarian society, but having no interest in any. In these families, as a matter of course, there is discernible an increase in Sabbath-breaking and profanity. The town is in a transition state; farms are changing hands, and the new population does not at once harmonize with the old. The church feels, however, that its outlook was never more hopeful. It has spent $100 on repairs and is free of debt. In *Sudbury*, of 137 families, 23 neglect public worship; and there are many individuals besides who must be reckoned with them. In *South Framingham* the new church has built a chapel, costing, with land, about $8,100, of which $5,500 has been paid. It is moving vigorously forward.

TEMPERANCE. — In *Natick* the "Reform Club," though burnt out, has met nearly every week, almost always securing some additions to its membership; and has furnished a reading-room and social parlor, as a counter attraction to the drinking shops. A children's Temperance Society, "Band of Hope," has been organized, numbering nearly 400 members. In *South Natick*, where there are many Irish and much drunkenness, a Reform Club has entered on its work with hopeful success. *Sudbury* has

a Band of Hope. In *Hopkinton*, the Prohibitory Law works well. In *Saxonville*, there are many families of foreign birth who suffer greatly from intoxicating drink. But the town has an "open" Temperance Society, whose "monthly meetings are a blessing" *Southborough* has had a "Temperance revival." A Reform Club has been formed, and all the members but one have been faithful. On the whole, a good deal of energy appears to be manifested in promoting the good cause of Temperance in the towns of this Conference.

There has been a wonderful improvement in the reports of this Conference; and there certainly appears to be a most hopeful increase of energy.

Middlesex Union Conference.

Complete reports have been received from this Conference.

Charities, Payments. There would seem to be some falling off in *contributions*, but some that were made last year were of an exceptional nature, and, on the whole, we may consider the charities of the churches as about the same.

The church in *Ashby* has expended $2,000 for a parsonage; the church in *Leominster* has rebuilt its house of worship and chapel; the *Rollstone church, Fitchburg*, has paid $15,000 on its debt, and the church in *Lancaster* has paid the whole of its debt.

Minutes and Statistics. This Conference printed last year 1,200 copies of its Minutes, for general distribution. These contain an account of its two semi-annual meetings, with the report on the state of religion, a historical sketch of one of its churches, and a table of contributions.

Neighborhood Conferences. One of the expedients reported in these Minutes has been adopted, in a less methodical way, in other parts of the State. The churches are grouped into *neighborhoods* or *classes*, three or four in each. Meetings of each group are held at its churches in succession; the object being "to pray for the descent of the Holy Spirit, to stir up each other to faith and activity, to suggest plans of usefulness, and to report the results of labor for Christ in the Sabbath School and in neighborhoods, with a view to encourage and strengthen all who toil for the cause of God." The execution of the plan was committed to the several pastors, aided by a member of each church, appointed by the Conference.

A Sabbath School Convention, called by the Executive Committee of the Conference, was held in March, 1873, and awakened so much interest that a similar meeting was appointed for June, and this resulted in the formation of a *Sabbath School Teachers' Institute*, for the purpose of holding such conventions regularly.

Religious Interest. At *Acton*, there has been some special manifestations of the Divine presence, and 14 persons have united with the church on profession of faith. At *Boxboro'*, also, some 12 or 14 hopeful

conversions are numbered, and the spiritual condition of the community is more hopeful than for a very long time. In *Lunenburg*, the Week of Prayer was a precious season, and its influence remains. In *Shirley Village*, the prayer-meetings have increased in interest through the year, and there have been hopeful conversions. The churches generally appear to be in a good condition.

A *new church* has been organized at *North Leominster*, drawing 46 of its members from the church in the Centre.

The Norfolk Conference.

The narratives received from the churches are meagre, and contain less variety of information than has ordinarily been received from this Conference; and yet the record has chapters of deepest interest.

Revivals. The *First church* in *Abington* has enjoyed a year of quiet, but marked, prosperity. A "precious revival" has been enjoyed; more than 40 persons have come into the church, and others are cherishing a hope. The church in *Canton*, also, has been blessed with a "delightful revival," about 40 persons coming to cherish a hope in Christ. From *Stoughton* a similar account reaches us. At the Monthly Concert following the Week of Prayer, several young people indicated their purpose to live for Christ. A day of fasting and prayer was held, and the help of an evangelist was secured for three days. There were about 20 hopeful conversions, most of them young men. In the *First church*, *Weymouth*, the Week of Prayer was followed by a revival, greatly quickening its members, — with over 40 hopeful conversions. The *Pilgrim church* in *Weymouth* likewise reports a renewal of religious interest, at the same season, which has continued until the date of its report; and has, thus far, resulted in the hopeful conversion of 75 souls; among whom were 30 husbands and wives, 9 husbands of believing wives, and 6 wives of believing husbands; 57 of the whole number were heads of families. The church at *East Weymouth* has likewise had occasion to rejoice. Since the new year came in, there has been a heightened interest in the things of the Spirit, with some 25 hopeful conversions. "We have not sought out new ways," observes the pastor, "but rather to make the most of the old, — prayer, study of the Bible, and the assembling of ourselves together."

Temperance. The reports make frequent mention of this subject. In *East Bridgewater*, "intemperance is a curse, not only among the foreign, but also among the native population. Monthly Union Meetings, in which the pastors of different denominations unite, with the efforts of the Sons of Temperance and of individuals, are doing some good." "The Prohibitory Law is a necessity here." In *Cohasset*, this cause is kept before the public, and 20 or more of the boys in the Sunday School have signed the pledge against spirits, tobacco, and profanity. In *Beechwood*, a Temperance Society has been organized and meets frequently. The

last Sunday evening of each month is devoted to this cause. In *Stoughton*, through the efficiency of a state constable, the open sale of intoxicating liquors has been stopped; and there has been less of manifest intemperance than for several years past.

In General, it may be said, that not only has there been great diversity in the experience of the churches during the year, but a great diversity exists among the communities and among the churches themselves; and while in some localities religious influences abound, in others unbelief and contempt are vigorous. Some of the churches are weak, and need a reinforcement from the sympathy and help of their neighbors, as well as from above. It is pleasant to record the union, at last consummated, between the two churches and societies at *Holbrook;* and the improved prospects at *Beechwood.* The *Railway church*, in *Milton*, makes no report. No church has yet been formed at *Wollaston.* Other denominations appear to be moving prosperously forward in this growing village.

Pilgrim Conference.

From the well-considered report of the Committee of this Conference, we condense the following statement: —

"It is a cause of thankfulness that the benefits of a permanent ministry are becoming better appreciated among us. One of the minor advantages of such a ministry is, that the statistics and narratives of the churches — the value of which must be obvious to every thoughtful person — are both more likely to be furnished and to be of real value."

Contributions. "The past year has been a hard one for every good cause." "The Boston fire and the Wall Street panic were severely felt in our remotest hamlets." "We are happily surprised, therefore, to find that the charities of the churches have decidedly advanced."

"The most prominent place has justly been given to the Home Missionary Society. The Conference passed a resolution, a year and a half ago, "That the humiliating fact, that this Conference receives from the Home Missionary Society more than it gives to it, should constantly be kept in view until it ceases to be a fact"; and earnest endeavors were also made, a year ago, to secure a collection from every church. But this plain duty has been neglected by five of the churches. For the society year ending with June, 1873, not less than $700 were expended within our bounds, and only $210 contributed. We have no part, then, in the glorious work at the West. Still, let us be thankful that within the year ending January 1, 1874, the society received from 9 of our churches $386.19.

Salaries. A noticeable feature in our "parish expenditures is the meagre salaries of most of our ministers. In the report of the State Committee, last year, embracing 90 churches, the lowest average was $1.275 in Hampshire East. But ours, this year, is only $832." (In two cases, however, parsonages are furnished in addition — making the average, perhaps, equal to $845. But if we leave out of the account the Church of the

Pilgrimage, paying $1,800, Duxbury, paying $1,200, and Plymouth, Fourth, — at Chiltonville, — paying $1,000, the average salary paid by the remaining twelve churches, reckoning the parsonages at $100 each, is only $723.) "When our churches reach more of the neglecting families, and their own members do their duty, we shall treat our ministers better, and enable them to work with greater efficiency. The little church in *Duxbury* sets a good example, raising $1,200 for the salary, $575 for other expenses, and contributing to five benevolent objects."

THE CHURCHES. The general tone of the reports from the churches is more encouraging than before. There is a very manifest increase of hope and determination. Greater activity is shown in holding neighborhood prayer-meetings, and in efforts to reach the entire population. We hear of new meetings established, and of new expedients to make them interesting. "*Marshfield First*" appoints meetings in various parts of the parish in rotation. "*Plymouth Fourth*" has three meetings a week, with monthly preaching services at the two extremes of the parish, and has established a meeting in a new neighborhood. The congregation at *North Carver* is increased by one third. The *Sunday Schools* seem to be almost everywhere well sustained, and in a number of instances show a most encouraging improvement. The *Church of the Pilgrimage* continues its monthly *Fellowship meeting*, together with the system of church work reported last year, with good results. But it is the opinion of an experienced pastor that "a higher spiritual tone and a more practical style of piety" must be reached by the churches before anything like a general organization for church work can be had; which proves that the effort to achieve it is certainly an effort in the right direction. "We need," adds this pastor, "a deeper sense of obligation, a more thorough consecration, and more practical co-operation."

No *revival* is reported for 1873, but the church in *Carver* began to enjoy a blessing from God in April of the present year, and has been greatly strengthened.

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE.

The size of this Conference is reduced, by the setting off of nearly one half of its churches to be organized into the Suffolk West Conference, — a measure of manifest expediency.

Gains and Losses. Three of the churches have suffered a net loss in membership, and eleven have gained. The net gain amounts to 162 members, an average of not quite 10 to each church.

All the churches send reports; but these are very unequal in length and minuteness, and are less full this year than usual. They cannot be taken as fairly representing the work of the year. They do not "tell the whole truth." Only *five* of the seventeen churches seem to have ascertained and registered the *families* under their care. Moreover, with a single exception, the reports of the city churches make no mention what

soever of the *Districts* which have been accepted by them, or of the labors therein performed. These statements are necessary to prevent a misconception of the actual condition and work of the churches; for there has been vastly more of energy, enthusiasm, devotion, and invention among them than could be guessed from their own narratives.

REVIVALS. A gratifying increase of spiritual interest has been experienced by the *Phillips church*, the Second church in *Dorchester*, and the church in *Jamaica Plain*. The church in *Hyde Park* has been blessed with a powerful revival. The preaching had, for several months, been directed to awakening a sense of individual responsibility for the conversion of sinners, and previous to the Week of Prayer several church members had an increase of spiritual fervor. In response to an invitation to all Christians to reconsecrate themselves wholly, a number knelt together in prayer, to this end. From that time the blessing was descending. The church and the community were roused. For eight weeks, meetings were held nearly every evening, and daily inquiry meetings, in the study. For one or two weeks the stores were closed in the evening. The brethren were moved to talk of the things of Christ in the streets, the cars, and the shops. From 60 to 70 hopeful conversions are counted up by the Congregational Church alone. The work was exceedingly quiet. The stand of the converts is very decided. "It has been most strikingly illustrated among us," says the pastor, "that *prayer* is a power with God."

CHURCH WORK. MEASURES. EXPERIMENTS. Nearly all of the churches, as already stated, have been engaged in labors, of which their narratives make no mention. We are only informed that the *Eliot church* has supported a lady as a missionary visitor, and that she has been able to enlist a number of assistants; and the church in *Dedham* has maintained a Branch Sunday School among the Germans, together with religious services in other growing neighborhoods. Mention is made of "*Fellowship meetings*," "*Cottage meetings*," and of "*The Home Prayer meetings*," as useful measures. In *Dedham*, the young children have formed a society for social and benevolent purposes. In *Jamaica Plain*, both the congregation and the Sunday School have doubled their numbers, since the dedication of the new house of worship; a "Complete Directory" has been printed, for the promotion of acquaintance; "*Boylston Chapel*" has been taken in charge, and is in a highly prosperous condition, the members of the church rejoicing in the opportunity which it opens to them for Christian labor. The Sunday School teachers of the church have been seeking a better acquaintance with their scholars, by inviting them to their own houses.

The *Phillips church* has adopted a modification in its services, having a sermon every Sunday afternoon based on the Sunday School lesson, accompanied with responsive readings of Scripture. The church in *Jamaica Plain* now holds a pastor's Bible service and the Sunday School in the afternoon, giving up two evenings in the month to "the

concerts" and two to preaching. Responsive readings have also been adopted in some of the prayer-meetings in *Dedham*. The *Vine Street church* has a weekly "class of catechumens." In *South Boston* a *Sunday School Union* has been formed, embracing nearly all the schools of Evangelical churches, with meetings, reports, and discussions once a quarter, and an "annual institute."

TEMPERANCE. Little is said in the reports on this subject. The churches do not come into immediate contact with much intemperance, and there is no indication that they are doing much in a direct and specific way to remove it. In *South Boston*, however, a "Reform Club" has been organized, with the full sympathy of the churches, and holds weekly meetings. The present law is said to be useful there, though poorly enforced. A successful movement has also been made in the *Highland church*, addresses have been delivered on Sunday evenings, the pledge has been circulated, and taken by the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, and by many outside. In *Dedham*, the principal drinking-place is reported closed. Such is the sum of what the churches have thought to say upon this matter.

The *Holland church, Boston Highlands*. was organized February 20, 1873, with 35 members, most, of the nationality which the name indicates Its membership is now 52, and it has a Sunday School of 80. The church has felt the presence of the Holy Spirit; its meetings have been large; a new interest has been roused in the study of the Bible; the household covenant has been specially honored, in the baptism of 15 children; prayer-meetings have been held with and for the children; and *four Committees* have been appointed for church-work, and have entered successfully on their labors, — a good beginning.

SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE.

This Conference was organized of churches belonging to the Suffolk South Conference.

Notwithstanding an unusually large number of churches without pastors, reports have been received from all but three.

GAINS. Eleven churches report gains and losses in church membership, showing in every case a net gain of a little over 13 on an average; amounting in all to 159.

USAGES AND EXPEDIENTS. One of the pastors reports the holding of weekly meetings, for a part of the year, for the purpose of *conversation upon the doctrines* and upon personal experience — with happy effect. *Fellowship meetings* have been found pleasant and profitable. A "*Monthly Service of Praise*" has now been sustained for three years. And again, a "*Service of Song*," once a quarter, has been maintained for the same period. Reference is made to the *Home Prayer-meeting*, as useful, even in times when there are no encouraging reports to bring in, and the church can only pray for a blessing on its work. In two of the churches, *Auxil-*

iaries of the Woman's Board of Missions have been formed. One church reports the custom of holding a *Public Anniversary* in connection with its Annual Meeting. And, indeed, it would seem that the work of a faithful church for twelve months must afford material of interest for such a yearly review.

CHURCH WORK. Two churches (*Park St.* and *Shawmut*) make mention of *Mission Chapels*. Both speak of prosperity and encouragement. But the Shawmut Chapel feels the want of capable teachers for its Sunday School.

REVIVAL. The *North church, Newton*, reports a season of religious interest which had continued from the beginning of the year, meetings being held nearly every night. The whole village was systematically canvassed, with frequent prayer and reading of the Bible in the families visited. The result appears in a greatly increased spirituality, and 40 hopeful conversions. Since the new house of worship has been completed, the attendance has nearly doubled.

CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH. The church at Newton reports about 40 children, between the ages of 9 and 15, communicants. The young people hold a weekly prayer-meeting. It is well known that the late pastor of this church took especial pains to lead children to Christ, and, it appears, by no means without success.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS seem to be everywhere vigorously conducted. In *Auburndale*, the afternoon is given up to the study of the Bible, resulting in an increased attendance, not only in the school but also at the morning services. The pastor is a teacher.

TAUNTON CONFERENCE.

The reports from this Conference are, in some respects, more complete this year than ever before, and manifest in the stronger churches an admirably sustained activity. There is a class of weaker churches which must be considered as having done well if they have merely held their ground. "They also serve who only stand and wait." *Eight* of these weaker churches report an aggregate of only 461 resident members, an average of not quite 58, which implies an average male membership of not over 20.

FAMILIES. *Ten* churches report the number of *families* under their care as 940, an average of 94, implying an average parish of not over 450 souls.

This Conference is accustomed to publish a four-page pamphlet, giving brief abstracts of the *reports of the churches*, with a statistical table.

THE CHURCHES AND THE COMMUNITY. The narratives again remind us very impressively of the wide contrasts found among the parishes, and of the formidable difficulties with which both the larger and the smaller have to contend. Of the former, the most striking example is found in

Fall River. Into this city foreign operatives have been imported in large numbers. Multitudes of this class are Romanists, and, of course, ignorant. Their arrival has loaded the churches with sudden and formidable burdens. But the churches are taking hold of the work thus thrown on them with praiseworthy energy. Each of them sustains an additional minister, who devotes himself wholly to labors among the strangers. Each has established a chapel. Since the beginning of the present year, the *First church* has organized a church in connection with its "Mission," and the *Central church* has started a new Branch School.

The public sale of intoxicating drinks is not allowed in Fall River. The state police have been efficient, and yet intemperance is reported as both "prevalent and increasing." There are probably no churches in the State bearing a heavier responsibility than these. Their task must be described as enormous.

Very encouraging accounts come from the churches of *Taunton.* Meetings in out-districts are frequent and well attended. The *Trinitarian church* reports 20 hopeful conversions in its Sunday School; and the *Union church*, 30 persons expecting to unite with the church on confession; also, occasional praise meetings, conversational prayer-meetings, social parish gatherings, regular sermons to the young, and prayer-meetings in out-districts. All the churches appear to be watchful and vigorous. The *Winslow church* has succeeded in making congregational singing "a success and a most impressive improvement in public worship." The *First church* in *Attleborough* has a "Young People's Society," and a Branch Sunday School, both prosperous. *Berkeley, First*, has purchased a parsonage. In *Norton*, the out-districts are cared for — but by Baptists and Methodists." Much interest is felt in the cause of Temperance, and in general there has been a decided improvement. In *East Taunton*, there has been improvement in the Sunday School; neighborhood prayer-meetings have been held; and "both grog-shops and Good Templars are flourishing." In *Somerset*, there have been gains in church membership and in the general religious condition of the people. In *Dighton*, an increasing interest in the Sunday School. In short, from almost every place, there is something good to report.

Woburn Conference.

The following is the report of the work of the churches and state of religion furnished by this Conference: —

"The Woburn Conference reports *revivals* in two churches, that at *Winchester* and that at *Melrose*, and unusual interest in several others. There have been changes in pastorates, and from that cause some of the churches are in an unsettled condition. The brethren of the Conference have not obtained the services of evangelists, deeming the regular preaching of the pastors of more permanent, salutary influence.

"The *Woburn Conference Home Missionary Society* continues in successful operation. It expended last year, among *five* churches, $1,600, in sums varying from $200 to $500 each, assuming the entire care of them all. Two of the churches that have been largely aided by the Society have resolved to unite under one pastor, in accordance with a rule already recommended by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; and it is expected that a larger sum than ever will be paid over, to advance the cause at the West. Hitherto, this Conference Missionary Society has been proved to be a very useful organization. It produces a feeling of brotherhood among all the churches, furnishes additional support to the feeble churches, releases the Massachusetts Society from all responsibilities for home work within the bounds of the Conference, and secures as large contributions for the general work of Home Missions beyond our bounds as that work formerly received from our churches. The Sabbath School work has in the same towns received a new impetus.

"Comparatively little has been done in the Temperance Reform."

Worcester Central Conference.

"The Worcester Central Conference of churches was quickened by the Home Evangelization movement in caring for the neglected classes; and though the pastors have too generally allowed the circulars to pass unanswered, the main work which these are designed to promote has been carried forward. There is no district of large extent unreached by preaching or missionary labor. In the larger towns the Young Men's Christian Associations have been helpers of the churches. The County Association has held its quarterly meetings in different sections, animating all Christian labors. It is stimulating to all the churches to look upon so much talent and energy consecrated to Christ Veterans of the cross feel a good assurance in leaving the cause in such hands."

"The present year opened upon many of our churches with refreshings from on high. These seasons were generally characterized by quietness and tenderness. The Week of Prayer was generally observed, and in some cases conversions occurred in the very opening of it. The reports at the May Conference were remarkably alike as to the characteristics of the revival, the impressive stillness of the prayer-meetings, and the voluntary expression of feeling on part of those newly interested. The work has been hardly more joyous in present results than hopeful for a better life in the churches. The church in *Holden*, under one of the longest pastorates in the State, reported that no winter of that 40 years had been more promising."

"*Leicester* has enjoyed the same quickening influence, and the ingathering of some to the church. *Paxton*, afflicted in the loss of their pastor, Rev. Thomas L. Ellis, has been visited from on high. The work in *Oxford* was intense for several weeks. The church still walks in a quickened life. The church in *Berlin* has been much revived in spirit, and encour-

aged by the hopeful conversion of a goodly number, including several heads of families."

"*Worcester*, amid considerable excitement, unfavorable to religious vitality, has nevertheless been blessed with additions to most of the churches. The *Tabernacle church*, the eighth Congregational Church in this city, was organized in April last, with 92 members; 18 have since been added on profession of faith. The *Plymouth* and *Piedmont* church edifices are well under way. The *Old South* in *Worcester*, the churches in *Paxton* and *Rutland*, are without acting pastors. The church in *Princeton* has called a pastor to its long vacant pulpit.

Sabbath School work in the Conference is reported as prosperous. The new *Temperance* movement is generally hailed with hope.

Worcester South Conference.

The statistical returns from this Conference are far the best ever received — thirteen churches making full reports.

The narrative of the secretary states that the year "has been singularly destitute of manifest results — so far, at least, as may be inferred from the reports in the Conference. There was a pleasing interest among the young in Bramansville (*Millbury First*), resulting in several additions to the church; also in *Saundersville*, some 8 or 10 hopeful conversions. In *Sutton*, likewise, 12 or 15 persons joined the church. In April of the present year, several revivals were reported — more than 125 conversions." "As to the cause of *Temperance*, there has been the usual interest, but no special gain can be noted." No new missionary efforts are reported.

At *Grafton*, there is a Young Men's Christian Association, its most active members being also among the most active in the churches to which they belong. It sustains district prayer-meetings and Sunday Schools. In *Westborough*, a similar association maintains a reading-room, and has conducted prayer-meetings, to some extent, in some of the school-houses outside of the village.

The churches of this Conference are not, as a whole, keeping up with the growth of the native population of the towns that they occupy. Several years ago a pastor long settled over one of its largest churches stated before the Conference, that within twenty-five years the membership of its churches had by no means kept pace with the growth of population. The following statement shows the ratio of church members to the population at certain periods within the last *fourteen* years: —

1860. *Present* church members, 62 in 1000 of *total* population.
1865. " " " 59 " " "
1870. " " " 51 " " "

1865. *Present* church members, 79 in 1000 of *native* population.
1870. " " " 72 " " "

1865. *Total* church members, 70 in 1000 of *total* population.
1870 " " " 62 " " "

1865. *Total* church members, 94 in 1000 of *native* population.
1870. " " " 89 " " "

REVIEW.

In commencing a review of the religious condition of the Commonwealth, it is well to recall the particular steps recently taken by the General Association for the promotion of its Home Evangelization movement, — steps most wisely adapted to give effectiveness to its plans. These made provision, in the first place, for the seasonable formation of new churches, fixing the responsibility of looking after this most important matter upon the Home Missionary Society. They provided, secondly, for any form of ministerial service which may at any time be needed, temporarily or permanently, in any part of the State; and finally, they have secured a regular mode in which lay-helpers of any variety, preachers, teachers, Bible-readers, or visitors, and either men or women, may be set at work in any village or any district in the State, that needs them. At the same time that the Association was thus doing all that votes could do, to give effectiveness to these plans for missionary work, it did not forget *church work*. Furthermore, it recommended a *form of preliminary organization* ("The Christian Neighbors"*) suited to communities of every possible size, and adapted to educate in Scriptural views of the church and Scriptural methods of work.

DELAY IN ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES. The arrangements for securing the prompt organization of new churches could not be expected to be immediately adequate to the whole demand. We observe that no Congregational Church had been formed, according to the latest accounts, at *Turner's Falls* or at *Wollaston*, although in both places other denominations have churches and houses of worship. Similar reports reach us from other parts of the State, in particular from the Essex South and the Andover Conferences. It is but too evident that Congregationalists are still failing to improve their opportunities for securing new churches, and are still allowing their own people to be taken away from them.

PAYMENTS AND CHARITIES. The returns of payments and charities are the best that have been received. *Fifteen* Conferences — Andover, Berkshire South, Brookfield, Essex North, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire East, Middlesex South, Middlesex Union, Norfolk, Pilgrim, Suffolk South, Suffolk West, Taunton, Worcester South — furnish tables of *charities* that are nearly complete. *Eleven* Conferences — the same as above, with the omission of Brookfield, Essex North, Hampden, and Middlesex Union — supply returns of salaries and other expenses, nearly

* See Minutes, 1873, p. 10.

complete. Two more Conferences, Barnstable and Mendon, have sent in returns, the former from 11 churches, and the latter from 7 churches. In all, 17 Conferences make statistical reports.

The *total of the salaries*, as reported by 206 churches, is $301,193, and the average salary is $1,462. Some of the returns also make mention of parsonages, numbering, so far as reported, 29.

The *total of the charities*, reported by 292 churches, is $264,636.45.

We would urgently ask attention to the fact, that these returns *are not made up on the same schedule*, and therefore cannot be printed in the Minutes in proper shape; and cannot be collated and summed up without very great labor.

This Committee claims to have demonstrated that the churches *can furnish without difficulty* the returns which it has endeavored to gather. These returns, if complete, would be the best supplied by any large body of churches, and of very great value. But the existing confusion brings into prominence the importance of having

ONE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CHURCH REPORTS.

And there is no difficulty in making these returns all upon the same schedule. The most serious obstacle, perhaps, in securing agreement upon any *new* tabulation arises from the number of applications made to the pastors; this is unreasonably great and is justly accounted a vexation. In one of the Conferences no less than five such applications have been regularly made, for several years. We have not thought it just to complain of the brethren of this Conference, that, hitherto, they have taken no notice whatsoever of the blank issued by your Committee. But such a chaotic state of things ought not to continue. It is right that one statistical report and one narrative in a year should be expected from churches that are working together, as are the Congregational Churches of this State; and we are persuaded that if no more than this were asked of the pastors, most of them would respond. Moreover, we believe that if all will unite with hearty good will in the effort, the present confusion can be reduced to order and comfort.

TEMPERANCE. Nothing new appears in the reports from the Conferences upon this topic. The so-called "Crusade" does not seem, from these accounts, to have made a deep impression in this State. It has certainly reminded us, however, of one very familiar truth, — that we are to look to religious conviction and to religious people for the deepest enthusiasm and power. We seem to be taught, alike by the successes and by the failures and faults of this endeavor, that we need to make our Temperance movement strongly religious; and that if it is ever to succeed, the *churches* must give themselves to prayer, and also to organized work. If every church had an active *Temperance Committee*, we might soon be witnessing new conquests, and the ground gained would be permanently held.

OUT-DISTRICTS. There is less of detailed information, this year, respecting the condition of these localities than has been furnished in some previous years. In general, however, there is reason to believe that they are still nearly all looked after, with a good degree of fidelity. Some, however, are neglected, and in many the work is not steady or strong. We shall never really be grappling vigorously with these districts, until we have a body of *Lay-helpers*, some of them preachers, laboring under the counsels of pastors and Conferences, upon wisely conceived plans, and with a greater confidence in the Lord than is ordinarily shown. We have been anxiously looking, throughout the year, for signs that this lack is to be supplied; but we hear as yet of only a single lay-helper. This one labors in Southeastern Berkshire.

Nor, again, has your committee learned that any special effort has been made in any part of the State to obtain the services of CHRISTIAN WOMEN, devoting themselves wholly to such work of the Lord as they can best do. There are many places that need them.

IMMIGRATION FROM NEIGHBORING STATES. The most careless examination of our out-districts, as well as of those sparsely settled borders where neglect so much abounds, reveals many families that have come in from other States, these sometimes constituting a large proportion of the total population. The last census shows 125,600 natives of the three Northern States of New England living in Massachusetts. These three States have large numbers of feeble churches, and large numbers of neglecters. Their Missionary Societies find it impossible to meet the demand resting on them. "Scores of the churches in Maine," says the Home Missionary Secretary of that State, "cannot support preaching one third of the time." As a consequence, a greater demand is made upon the churches and the Missionary Society of this State.

In a word, our interests are one. We cannot thoroughly care for our own towns, unless the towns of the neighboring States are also cared for. The problem presented by this condition of affairs is of exceeding great difficulty. It calls for the united prayers and efforts of the churches of all these States; and it were well if some method could be devised for calling public attention to this matter, and for securing a *hearty union* on some broad and energetic policy.

REGISTRATION AND CARE OF FAMILIES. The proportion of churches reporting the number of "families registered as under their care" is hardly more than one eighth of the whole. Do not the churches know what families they are distinctly, purposely, and statedly looking after? Knowing, are they unwilling to communicate the information? These questions we are unable to answer.

In this endeavor, to look after *all* persons properly within our reach, to do this constantly, watchfully, patiently, prayerfully, and in faith, is found one of the main departments in our present movement for a better church work; and there is no other more significant, nor any more essential.

There is no questioning the fact, that we are now overlooking thousands of souls, whom we ought to be individually remembering in our prayers and following with patient and loving attentions. The churches, doubtless, intend to do all this. Why not, then, engage at once in an earnest effort to reach *all?* And why be discouraged if the habits of a generation do not at once yield to our solicitations? The families that have been long alienated are not to be regained in one month or in one year: but they can be regained.

A plea for greater zeal in looking after all families within our reach is suggested in the experience of the *Board of State Charities.** It is the duty of one official connected with this Board to attend upon courts when juvenile offenders are brought up; and in cases which appear to justify such a course, the law allows the young offender to be received as a ward of the State, and put out on probation in some good family. But nothing can be clearer than that if all families were under the stated influence of vigilant churches, many of these children would never make their appearance at the bar of justice; and that orphans and young outcasts would be provided with homes without any help of the State. We might almost say, that the existence of such a department under this Board, so greatly to the honor of the State, is an indictment of its churches. "If our philanthropic people," says the State "Visiting Agent" in his last Report, would get acquainted with the children and youth in our communities, and make them feel that they are not beneath their thought and care, they would give them the greatest incentive to do well. A word of friendly advice will often prevent a crime. It will reform the criminal." It ought not to be necessary for a government official to address this admonition to the churches. That church action, however, can accomplish sensible results in such matters, is distinctly witnessed to in another part of the report of the Board, which accounts for the diminished numbers of a certain class of offenders by the increased activity of the Romish Church and of certain benevolent Protestant Associations. But no "Associations" can reach all households in the State as the churches can. The work of prevention, if ever done *well*, will be done by them.

REVIVALS. It would be possible to give a very instructive and interesting account of these seasons of harvesting, if the church reports were careful to state in all cases, as requested, the "commencement, instrumentalities, and results." Between forty and fifty revivals are mentioned in the returns, many of them coming, however, within the year 1874. Very frequently they appear to have commenced with the Week of Prayer; ordinarily the various exercises were superintended by the pastor, without help from an evangelist; in general, they appear to have been characterized by a quiet tenderness; and we can think of all of them as seasons of sacred solemnity and joy.

* See Tenth Annual Report, for 1872-3.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH. — One of the most encouraging signs of the times, very briefly touched upon in the narratives sent us, is the success of recent movements of a somewhat new kind in behalf of children and young people. These endeavors are widely removed from those revivalist excitements of which all have heard, and much more nearly resemble the old catechetical way of our fathers. We should describe them with sufficient accuracy, perhaps, if we were to say, that it is the fathers' way with the stiffness taken out, and modern variety and vivacity put in. But like that, it is an *education*, it is systematic, it is rounded out, it is not hurried, and it is characterized by a pointed spiritual purpose, pursued in faith. Unlike that, however, it is not confined to the catechism; but other questions, among them questions prepared by the pastor himself, are freely used; and all, even little children, are taught that they can immediately enter not only upon a Christian life, but upon active Christian usefulness; and from the very beginning they are trained to follow in their Lord's steps, doing good. One of the pastors who has been zealous in this blessed work reports equal success with boys as with girls. It would really seem that in this department of the church's work lies the *hiding of her power*.

And now, what must be said in conclusion? We answer, on every hand there are signs of hope. Never before have the churches manifested greater energy, and never was that energy so sustained and so trustworthy as in these late years. Never before have the churches shown more of forethought and of comprehensiveness in their plans; never more of steadfast faith in their prosecution. Never before have churches so enveloped pastors with an individual and organized support; and never, on the part of pastor and people, has there been such a deliberate settling down to regular every-day work, in cheerful confidence. It is true, that we see some of these good things, as yet, in their beginnings; but the beginnings are sure; and if the churches do but press zealously forward in the new ways upon which they have begun to walk, it will be clear, by and by, that we have entered on a new day.

While therefore, we still find ourselves encompassed with neglects and mistakes that are only too manifest, we discover great and abundant reason to rejoice in the Lord and take courage.

By vote of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches,

DANIEL P. NOYES,
Secretary.

CONVERSION AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE YOUNG.*

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ON the question whether there is more of real effort to secure the piety of children than in former years, there may be a difference of opinion. That there is more pains taken, apparently, and more of visible apparatus for this end, is not to be doubted. Witness how much is made of Sabbath Schools, and Sabbath School concerts, and Conferences, and Sabbath School libraries and literature, and Sabbath School song-books, and infant classes. In reply to all this it is argued (by the *laudator temporis acti*) that these forms of labor have displaced the old parental instruction and catechizing, causing fathers and mothers to neglect their divinely-appointed and inalienable responsibilities. So far as this is true, it is of course to be deplored. But I take a cheerful view of the case, being persuaded that when we make account of the number cared for in our Sabbath Schools who would not be religiously taught at home; how many are under the instruction of earnest spiritual and *successful* teachers; what helps are provided in the uniform system of lessons and the able explanations of them in so many religious newspapers; and how many parents are constantly reminded of their duty from the very fact that the Christian education of the young is at this day made so prominent, — from all this I conclude that more is being done than ever before for the salvation of the young.

It seems to me also that there is *more faith than formerly in early conversions*, more expectation of them, and consequently more effort with a view to them. If I am not mistaken, it used to be a rather general idea that the young person was to be reckoned, until well along in youth, a rebel against God; and by that time he was supposed capable of being convicted of sin, and of experiencing the marked change called conversion.

If a hope came sooner, or otherwise than according to this programme, it was to be distrusted. Children were to be held back rather than encouraged to avow their love to Christ, and to profess his discipleship. Now there is an impression more common and growing, that by the proper use of means, — trust in God's covenant with believing parents, Christian instruction and faithful prayer, — the grace of God may be expected to take possession early of the child's heart, and we need not calculate upon an early youth of impenitence antecedent to conversion. This is progress in the right direction. We want *more faith in child-piety, and more intelligent effort for it.*

* Ordered to be printed, as on page 11.

I believe it is the observation of pastors generally that there is less of what used to be called law-work in the experience of converts than in former times. Cases are not unfrequent of distressing and protracted conviction for sin, — the law working wrath in the conscience; but such is not the common type of experience in these later years. Repentance has not in it so much of the horror of great darkness. And there being no severe rending and laceration of spirit for sin, we are tempted sometimes to distrust the genuineness of the change. Especially is this the case with children. The sense of guilt in them, if they have been religiously educated and well behaved, is not pungent. Confidence in Christ, and love to him, rather than keen sorrow for sin, is the marked feature in their feelings. So that when the child comes to the pastor and says, I love Jesus; I want to confess and follow him, — the question arises whether that child has sufficient sense of his lost condition to realize what it means to receive Christ as Saviour. It seems as if the young convert was coming into the kingdom too easily. The little boy or girl appears to be sincere. There seems to be a genuine interest in becoming a Christian, a belief that Christ is the only Saviour, a disposition to give the heart to him; but we are troubled at not discovering more of what we call contrition, deep and thorough experience. And have we not, brethren, with such a case before us, been perplexed, and asked ourselves, Now what is my duty towards this child of tender age? Must I labor to subject him to a law-process, and make him feel condemned, terrified, stricken, before I can give any encouragement that Christ receives him? Nay, I believe that in this way we should often break the bruised reed and quench the smoking flax. There are several considerations going to show *why* there is less of the awful in conversion than formerly, — both with adults and children. Not that the divine law is relaxed or that sin is any less dreadful. But (1) the grace of God in Christ is held up in greater proportion than formerly *as compared* with the preaching of law, penalty, and terror. So that when the sense of sin comes, there is not such a protracted season of darkness, because the truth of a free, ready salvation is so familiar. Then (2), on the part of preachers and religious teachers, this long season of painful heart-brokenness is not so much insisted upon as being the only normal and safe method of entering the kingdom. The direction given in precept is that "Now is the accepted time," and in song, it is "Come to Jesus just now;" "He will save you just now;" "Just as I am without one plea," etc. Such constant and positive invitations to accept a free present salvation tend to cut short the long struggle which used to be thought essential to a genuine religious change.

Whether we are in danger of not pressing sufficiently the condemning and alarming side of divine truth is not a point now under consideration. Again, is it strange if the *children* come to Christ with a less pungent conviction of sin than the mature trangressor? Have they not in fact

less sin, and of a less marked character to cause them distress? They have not been hardening themselves against the well-understood requirements of God year after year. They do not comprehend, as older people do, the nature of deliberate rebellion against God. That they have been conscious of wrong is true; and they will be found to confess it, and to feel it as a child might be expected to feel it. But the nature of sin in its relation to the government of God is a subject too high for those of early years. Perhaps they have been on the whole good, dutiful children, with a general sense of imperfection, a desire to do right, a confiding spirit towards Christ. And now if the Divine Comforter is leading them, through their ingenuous and pliant sensibilities, why not be satisfied? Why insist upon birth-pangs as when a man is born after he is old?

The *evidences* of child-conversion are as satisfactory, generally, I think it may be said, as in the case of older persons. I believe it will be the testimony of pastors that of the children who were thought to give evidence of piety, as large a proportion justified that opinion by their subsequent life as of those converted in later years. Mr. Spurgeon has published a very strong testimony to this as the conclusion reached in the history of *his* own ministry. Of course much depends upon the faithful nurture given to these children and youth in the family and the church, after they arrive at their hope in Christ. This being supplied (and means of grace are requisite to growth in grace for any one), there is all reasonable encouragement that the child will prove a true disciple. Given such sincere interest for the soul as might be expected of a child, — such a sense of wrong and desire of forgiveness, such trust in the Saviour presented and such a surrender of heart to him as the young can be made to understand, — such a leading of the Holy Ghost along with experience and penitence and faith and prayer, according to the young and tender material with which the Spirit is dealing, — and the evidence of consecration to Christ may be satisfactory, — delightfully confirmed by subsequent living.

The increased attention given to the subject of early conversions indicates a growing sense of its *importance.* Am I mistaken in the impression that in these fast days the young take on character more rapidly than in former times? In these days of lectures, and newspaper reports, and discussions, the youth are very sure to come into contact with infidelity, scepticism, materialistic philosophy, or with that self-styled progress which looks down upon the Gospel and the simple faith of our fathers as old-fashioned, — something which the world has outgrown.

The boys have their wits sharpened too very early to discern what spirit reigns in society and on what principles business is conducted. If frivolity and sham and ostentation are the genius of the home and of society, they must become inoculated with it. If greed of gain, haste to be rich, unscrupulousness, violation of trusts in every department, trickishness, cunning in every manner of trade, — if all this is spread out

in the newspapers, and in many quarters is complimented as smart compared with what is called plodding industry, and slow but honest gain, a boy need not be specially precocious to comprehend the situation and feel the effect of living in such an atmosphere.

It has seemed to me that the young, while more advanced in schooling (as the term is commonly used), are earlier schooled in bad habits than in former years. I mean that if they contract these habits, they are likely to do so at an earlier period of life. It is not uncommon for children, and of respectable families, to show that they have made attainments in the art of profanity. Such, too, in these days of multiplied saloons, early acquire a love for dangerous drinks. They become fascinated with those amusements which naturally lead on to gambling and dissipation and the trifling away of life. As to proficiency in these respects, it would not be extravagant I presume to say that the boy of fourteen stands where the youth of eighteen or twenty stood fifty years ago. But I am sensible that comparisons are hazardous. And I am not careful to insist upon the forwardness of the young in this generation, *as compared with* generations gone by. All I want is to note that the young take on character in their early days, and hence to urge the importance of efforts for their conversion.

We want to see them devoted to Christ *before* their views of truth are corrupted, and their opposition to the Gospel fixed, and unchristian, ruinous habits fastened upon them. We want Christ and the Church to have the dew of their youth, and the freshness of their affections, and the energies of their prime, and the guarantee which only piety gives of a virtuous and useful manhood. We want the world to have the benefits which may come from a growth and culture and development begun in early years. If God would but give our land one generation of children and youth converted to Christ, and laboring in the spirit of Christ for the measure of a life-time, I should think the world's evangelization and the latter day glory not very distant.

In regard to the *religious training* of the young, I am not aware that there is much new to be said. In fact, my apprehension is rather lest too much of the new element be introduced, and the *ancient Scriptures* be thrown into the background by the religious story and newspaper. No disparagement is intended by this remark to the religious press. They honestly aim to promote Bible-study, and they are accomplishing much in this direction. The very fact of our papers being so able and interesting must be, I suppose, the reason of the danger that they will crowd the Scriptures aside, into a small place. To refer this matter to your own observation and judgment, brethren, how much of the time on week-days or on Sabbath will children see their parents occupied with the Bible, compared with the time given to the Sabbath-School book or the religious newspaper? Well, the reply is, people are very busy. They have but little time for religious reading except on Sundays. They must know

what is going on in the world, and among the churches. They read Scripture at family prayers daily. The young of the household hear preaching and attend the Sabbath School. Is not that a pretty extensive training of our children in the Bible? And besides, biblical training does not depend upon the amount of time spent over the sacred page. It depends rather upon letting our children see that we make the Bible our standard of opinion, that we form our judgments of good men and bad, of right and wrong conduct from the principles of God's Word; that we test our spirit by the character of Christ; that we are trying to educate the young so as to bring their every thought into captivity to the Gospel. Each one must determine for himself what is scriptural training for his children. But the foundation of a strong and beautiful Christian life must be laid in a reverent, familiar, and loving acquaintance with Holy Scripture. Its history, poetry, precepts, invitations, promises, its parables, and especially *its personal Christ*, must be wrought, so far as possible and as delightfully as possible, into the minds and hearts of the young. So nourish them with the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby.

First then, scriptural; and second, let our training of the young be to practical righteousness. Let them see that our Scripture is not held as a powerless creed, but as a law of living. If we only *behavea* as well in the church as we talk and as we profess, it would be a vast accession to our power. If the church, throughout its membership, holding its present faith, were right with a practical righteousness, I should have no concern for the opposition which infidelity or ungodliness, or any outside power, could make.

But let our young people see that their elders are scrupulous to occupy their pews in the sanctuary, are partakers at the communion table, possibly attend the prayer-meeting, hold office in the church and Sabbath School, occasionally exhort their brethren to a higher and more spiritual *wide-awake* life, — then are false to the trusts reposed in them; will misrepresent and cheat a customer; will take advantage of a neighbor's simplicity to palm off upon him a defective article or imperfect work; will break their word and promise, and evade their honest debts, — and all this is a practical training too mighty for precept to counteract. Let us take pains, then, to train the young to practical righteousness, charging the members of our churches to show to the children that piety makes people upright in business, lovely in their homes, comfortable neighbors, blameless and exemplary in all the intercourse of life, adorning the doctrine. Let it be urged as no less important that one be a good Christian boy than that he sing, "I want to be an angel"; that he be obedient and truthful and honest, than that he sing, "Beautiful Zion built above."

Trained (1) scripturally (2) to practical righteousness, and (3) to an enlightened, sound Christian conscience. Unless cautious, we may pro-

nounce certain things to be sin which the young person does not see to be sinful, and cannot be made to see in that light. So the young lose respect for our judgment, and we lose our influence over them. Or if they rest upon our assertions we burden their consciences unjustifiably, and when they find the ground upon which they stood swept away by some bold disputer they are liable to be carried to the extreme of infidelity or indulgence. This is the harm done by extremists and extravagant reformers. To illustrate, I am in favor of what is called total abstinence. I should be glad to have every Christian committed to that principle, rationally interpreted. But I would not take the responsibility of teaching a boy that it is a sin to drink a glass of wine, or that one could not be a Christian if he ever thus indulged. I could not find any scriptural warrant for this. I should not feel confident of carrying his reason and conscience. But I would tell whither this occasional drinking would be so likely to lead him — whither it leads multitudes — and that he, as a prudent and conscientious person, should not put himself in the way of temptation. I would also impress him with the consideration that he is bound to set a safe and helpful example before all who see him; that the example of a moderate drinker is sure to ruin a large per cent of those who undertake to follow it; and therefore that he, as a disciple of the loving, self-sacrificing Saviour, should avoid what is likely to destroy the brother for whom Christ died. These arguments commend themselves to any thinking mind. Place the duty of abstinence on this foundation, and the child can never have it ridiculed out of him until the law of prudence and kindness and Christian sensibility is killed out of him.

So in regard to amusements. Do not pronounce them sins necessarily, unless they are seen to be so intuitively, or reason can demonstrate them to be such, or unless you have scriptural authority for what you affirm. We declare, I think to little purpose, that a game of cards or of billiards, or a parlor dance, is a sin inevitably, in all conceivable circumstances. The objection to saying so is that we cannot be sure it is true, and we cannot make it appear. I speak of these points because the day has come when we are forced to meet them, and the young whom we instruct have to meet them, and they are going to be educated by others if not by us, and the question is not to be evaded how we can best educate the children and youth upon these subjects, so that they shall be fortified with a strong, sound Christian conscience. Tell them just what is true and just where the danger lies, not in a single act and in a small, safe circle, but in the appetite which is thus and there generated, in the abuses which lie so close around it, in the company to which it will introduce, in the waste of time which it will involve, and above all in the fact that it belongs to the "course of the world" rather than to the "sober, righteous, and godly life," which constitutes discipleship to Christ, and commends His religion as a spiritual, earnest reality. Something like this is what I mean by training children to a sound conscience, — teaching them what

things are objectionable, but objecting to them for reasons which are undeniable, which must be recognized and carry conviction, and which can never be overthrown.

And once more, train the young to Christian service. Explain to them what it is to abide in Christ, and that this steadfastness of faith will produce much fruit in holy affections and activity. We want a generation of well-balanced disciples, not abiding in Christ just for their own sakes, — a sort of monastics, absorbed in meditation and self-culture, — nor on the other hand just showy and fussy, talking all the while about the practical and wide-awake, but with no depth and steadiness, with no roots reaching down into truth and taking strong hold on Christ.

Teach the young truth, but truth in order to godliness. Let them see that faith in us works by love; that a piety which is good is good for something. Religion, they must learn, is to be the sovereign of the soul and the life, controlling all the powers and possessions — at all times and in all places. It must make the children Christ's children, in their homes towards parents, brothers, and sisters, and in their schools towards teachers and companions, and in their plays. As Christ's children they must reverence the Scriptures and the Sabbath and the sanctuary. (Reverence, I sometimes think, is dropping out from youthful experience.) As Christ's children they must confess their Saviour and come into his church to testify and to act, so far as they are capable. At the very outset let them have before them the idea of service, according to their ability; and growing service with growth and capacity. Teach them that what concerns Christ concerns them; hence to love Christ's people, and the prayer-meeting, and the Sabbath School. Teach them sympathy with missions and every judicious reform, with all real progress. Teach them prayerfulness, and self-denial, and liberality for the promotion of these great causes. Give them the true ideal of a hearty, unselfish, noble, consecrated life. Teach them to be, in the first place, thorough believers, and then workers according to their faith, — followers of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Oh! could we train such a generation we should raise up a power which would soon be charged with turning the world upside down.

Now, in conclusion, what can we pastors do for the conversion and religious training of the young? Much by thorough instruction and encouragement given to parents and Sabbath-School teachers. Much by preaching to the young, either sermons professedly addressed to them, or with special reference and applications to them. But what I have found most effectual has been to secure the interest and confidence of the children so that they would meet to be talked with by the pastor in his study or chapel, be formed into a sort of inquiry class, in which with affectionate fidelity many will be impressed and guided, and brought to Christ. Out of such a class, maintained by new accessions, the additions to the church may, by the grace of God, be pretty numerous and constant,

and the pastor will do well to continue it as a training class for young converts.

What can the parents do? (1.) Exemplify religion in the home — in all the manifestations of Christian temper and conduct which fall under the eye of the child. (2.) Make it appear that we regard the children as consecrated, and press upon them the significance of the offering which we made of them in baptism. Treat them as lambs of the fold. (3.) Instruct them, as before enjoined in this essay, so that, like Timothy, from a child they shall have learned the Scriptures, and become anchored in them. (4.) Pray, as those who expect God's covenant to be fulfilled.

What can Sabbath-School teachers do? (1.) Win the child's confidence and affection, and so obtain influence over him. (2.) Teach not for mere particulars of explanation or instruction, but to bring out and apply, and spend your strength upon that truth which is the real intent of the lesson given to win souls to Christ. (3.) Pray and watch so as to secure the Spirit's blessing; and improve it, discerning the child's state, and catching the tender hopeful hour, to lead the young soul *across the threshold*, actually into the kingdom. Many, I fear, who are interested, almost persuaded, never advance farther because we do not find out their spiritual condition and persuade them on to a decision.

And what can the church do? It can be the incarnation of the truth, its living witness and illustration. It can afford a warm and spiritual nurture to the young who come within its enclosure, and, for the antidote to the infidelity and ungodliness of the day, depend mainly upon the Scriptures themselves, wisely taught and practically exemplified, and blessed by the spirit of truth. Thus in behalf of the young. Begin with them early, work hopefully and perseveringly, and we may train up a generation of larger Christian pattern and stronger growth, such as the world is waiting for.

REPORT UPON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.*

THE committee appointed at the last annual meeting "to inquire what action, if any, this Association may wisely take in the endeavor to lead the members of our churches to the more general practice of proportionate and systematic giving of property to Christ's work," respectfully submit the following report: —

The committee greatly regret that the absence of their chairman, Joseph S. Ropes, Esq., in Europe, during the entire year, has wholly deprived them of his counsel and assistance.

In response to their circular calling for information respecting the method of making charitable collections, in actual use, the committee received replies from nearly half the churches of the State.

In common with all thoughtful Christians, the committee look with great distrust upon attempts to develop the benevolence of our churches, which depends chiefly upon methods and machinery. The channels of liberality can never be kept full by pumping, however perfect the apparatus. The streams of Christian charity must ever be fed by a supply from the river of the water of life. If there be available any means of bringing Christians nearer to the heart of Christ as they give to his cause, if there be any educating process by which they may come to feel the pressure of the pierced hand upon their purses, it is worth the seeking.

Therefore it is with profound satisfaction that the committee have studied the correspondence of the year. They find coming into somewhat general use in our churches a method of benevolence which touches the hidden springs of spiritual life, and in many hearts establishes a vital connection between the contribution-box and the cross.

Nearly or quite forty of the churches represented in the Association have adopted the weekly thank-offering, in one form or another, as their method of practical beneficence, or of meeting home expenses, or both. Their testimony is almost uniform that its operation is highly satisfactory. Where the plan has been tried as an experiment in the face of apathy and opposition, it has most frequently been continued with general, and often with enthusiastic approval.

While, therefore, the committee do not suppose that any one system will be best for all congregations, while they are aware that any judicious system vigorously administered will yield valuable results, they are unanimous in the conviction that the time has come when the claims of this method of systematic beneficence should be urged upon our churches.

* Accepted, and recommendations adopted, as on page 9.

The forms under which the weekly offering is practised differ greatly from each other, and doubtless experience will suggest important modifications in the details. The essential thing is that every worshipper have convenient opportunity to present an offering of money to the Lord every Sabbath, in direct connection with public worship. The differences which appear relate chiefly to the methods of receiving the offering, and of distributing the sum-total among the different objects of Christian charity.

A form of the weekly offering believed to combine the most desirable features may be described in brief detail.

1. In the concluding sentences of one of the prayers of the morning service, the pastor asks God's blessing upon the offering about to be made. Immediately upon the close of the prayer, he announces that "the congregation will now worship God with an offering," and the boxes are passed as usual. While the boxes are circulating, selections of Scripture encouraging this mode of worship are read from the pulpit.

2. For the accommodation of persons not present at the morning service, locked "Treasurer's Boxes" are placed near the door, to receive offerings not presented at the usual time.

3. The money thus received is divided between certain designated objects of charity, according to a schedule of percentage previously determined by vote of the church, and announced to the worshippers by a printed statement posted in the pews, or in some other sufficiently public manner.

4. To enable givers to consult their individual preferences as to the objects to which they contribute, the entire offering of one Sabbath of each month is devoted to some particular object or society, which is named from the pulpit at the time.

5. At any time givers who specially desire to do so may designate their offering for any particular object by enclosing it in paper or an envelope, and marking it accordingly.

Some congregations rely wholly upon Treasurer's Boxes as a means of collecting the offering, but it is a serious objection to this method that it separates the act of giving too far from the other acts of public worship. Still other congregations have adopted the plan of a box in each pew, and find it convenient and satisfactory.

The weekly offering as a form of continually recurring religious service is pressed upon our attention by important considerations.

1. Regarded merely as a method of collecting money, it has elements of great efficiency.

1. It makes giving easy to all classes. It encourages giving, if necessary, in small sums, such as persons in moderate circumstances, the poor, and children, will be able to spare.

2. It reaches all persons who attend upon public worship, however irregularly So contributions will not fail by reason of a rainy day or a thin congregation.

3. It leads to habits of benevolence. Coming frequently and regularly, it is more likely to be remembered and provided for than a merely occasional collection.

4. It secures, on the whole, much larger aggregates. Reaching all worshippers, and gathering regularly a constant influx of littles, the amounts, almost of necessity, are large. As Chalmers puts it, "Mites are mighty."

II. The weekly offering has proved a very *successful* method of systematic beneficence.

It is enough here to cite facts reported to the committee from our own churches. A considerable number of these, dissatisfied with the ordinary administration of our charities, inquired of the Lord and of their own Christian common-sense, for a more excellent way. They were led, with great uniformity, to adopt the weekly offering, and they offer testimony like the following: —

"Since the adoption of this plan," writes a pastor, "our contributions have more than doubled."

From a thriving village church we hear, "Notwithstanding the hard times, we have raised $250.00 more for benevolence than ever before, — $1,350.00 in all. The number of givers has doubled, and individual amounts range from one cent to two dollars weekly."

The Treasurer of a metropolitan church remarks, "As to the working of the plan, at our annual church meeting a motion looking towards some other plan was defeated by a vote of seven to one."

A large city church which is on the second year of the experiment, reports: "Many who were doubtful of its expediency, or decidedly opposed to it last year, were this year heartily in its favor. We have given at least a third more than in previous years, with greater ease, and without any other urgency than the presentation of the pure motives of love for the Lord Jesus, and a desire to worship him with our substance."

From one of our chief manufacturing cities, we have almost the same words: "Many who distrusted the plan and predicted its failure are compelled by facts to concede its efficiency. I believe it is now satisfactory to all. Our contributions have amounted to several hundred dollars more than by the old method."

Two churches, representing the conservatism of a wholly rural population, join in the one voice of commendation. The pastor of one writes: "We have practised this plan two years and raised more money each year than under the old plan. Our people like it very much."

The other reports: "All seemed pleased with the plan, and thus far more has been raised for benevolence than for some years before."

From a large country church, with village surroundings, we hear: "The result upon our charities has been most gratifying. The increase was about thirty per cent."

Others write more concisely, but in the same tone. "The plan works

well, is an admirable training." "We increased our collections very much." "Our success thus far leads us to think that we have chosen wisely." "The Sabbath morning weekly offering worked well, and it was unanimously voted to continue it during 1874." "Our plan satisfies us and secures larger aggregates than any presentation of 'causes' has ever done."

Thus, with only slight exceptions, the voice of experience accords in spirit, and often in form, with the words of a city pastor: "The system, adopted with opposition on the part of some and misgivings on the part of many more, has so commended itself in its practical workings as simple, effective, and scriptural, that it has come into general favor, and was adopted for the current year without a dissenting vote."

But it is not its efficiency as a method of collecting money which gives the weekly offering its strongest claim upon Christian hearts. We find this rather in the fact that, —

III. It tends to make giving an exercise of spiritual worship.

Worship is communion with God for the purpose of honoring and exalting him. Where properly conducted, the weekly offering takes its place among the services of God's house as an act of worship, as truly such as the prayer or the song of praise. So its influence is to educate the Christian heart to perform it as a spiritual service.

The act of giving becomes to the thoughtful believer an exercise of communion with God. The transfer of his gift from his own possession to God's treasury becomes a real and direct transaction between him and his Lord.

The scriptural method of giving is something more than a mere method. It carries with it the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The worship of God brings God near; and worship by offering is the original form. Abel did not give chief expression to his loyalty to Jehovah by prayer or song. He brought a gift. God had respect to his offering. God and the worshipper met in communion at the altar. Whenever to-day a believer carries a gift to God in his house, God meets him. He is there to grant an interview, and to accept the offering. The intercourse between the two is not in words, but it is a real interchange of thought and feeling, notwithstanding. There are modes of communion between hearts that transcend all the power of words. When Mary of Bethany poured the ointment on her Master's feet, there was communion between the two that words could never have been the vehicle of. When Sabbath after Sabbath, a Christian laborer, a common Christian whose words are few, and whose thoughts are of oxen, worships God with the pennies or the dimes he can honestly spare from the necessities of his household, he draws near to the King on his throne. He brings his offering gladly, and Omniscient love accepts the gift. He feels the spirit of adoption. His spiritual life is intensified and quickened. His giving is worship. When a Christian banker, a man of wide intelligence and commanding influence

and large resources, meets God week by week with an offering out of his abundance, in those hours of worship he is richer in his gifts than in all that he retains. He gives to honor God, to please God. God in return grants him glimpses of his transcendent glory, his boundless resources, his unutterable love. These visions of God come to him through his giving. They would never be granted him through the other acts of public worship. Neither prayer, nor song, nor sermon would so open heaven before him. Why should they? This is God's way of admitting men to his presence chamber. "Bring an offering and come into his courts." Giving is worship of its own kind, and is designed to be the medium of a communion between God and man which nothing else can secure.

To this exercise of communion with God the weekly offering presents peculiar incentives. Occasional contributions do not so much invite to it. They emphasize the collecting more than the worship. But a regularly recurring offering, introduced as a part of the ordinary service of God's house, is constantly encouraging thoughtful attendants thus to draw near unto God. It is not to be supposed that all who participate in the weekly offering will make their giving an exercise of heartfelt worship, any more than that all who listen to public prayer or praise make the worship of those acts their own. But opportunity is offered, and in due time many will learn the joy.

Thus the weekly offering is commended less in the interest of the charities than of the churches. Something is to be hoped from it as inducing new habits of benevolence, but far more as developing a new mode of Christian experience. If any believer will make his Christian beneficence Christian worship, his acts of giving will soon disclose themselves in his own consciousness far more impressively as an experience of receiving from His fulness who filleth all in all. Giving is worship. Those who make it such gladly confess that it is God's own method of lifting these selfish hearts of ours into fellowship with Infinite love.

The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That this Association gratefully recognizes the abundant evidence that the churches of the Lord Jesus apprehend with increasing clearness the fact that Christian life is Christian giving, and that the people of God are seeking so diligently for new and better methods of benevolence.

Resolved, That the plain duty of the ministers and officers of the churches is to press home upon the people of Christ, by all argument and all persuasion, the constant duty of giving for Christ's sake.

Resolved, That while new methods always have peculiar advantages, we recognize in the extensive and increasing adoption of the "Weekly Offering" by our churches throughout the State an indication of progress in systematic benevolence which we believe to be the work of the Holy

Spirit; and that we accept the success of the offering in its various forms and applications as our Lord's own testimony to its efficiency and value.

Resolved, That this Association recommends the "Weekly Offering" to the favorable consideration of all our churches, as a method of systematic benevolence eminently scriptural, practical, and successful, — adapted both to develop the love of Christ in the heart of the giver, and to make the free gifts of the Lord's people both more abundant and more adequate for his service.

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and four laymen be appointed, who shall have under their consideration the whole subject of Christian benevolence, and more particularly that of systematic and proportionate giving, shall make such investigations as they deem expedient, and report to the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That this Association recommends to the local Conferences to appoint committees on systematic beneficence, and to bring the subject before the Conferences and the Churches in such ways as they judge best.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

JOS. BOARDMAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT UPON FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

THE present exigency of the American Board is of so unusual and serious a nature as to demand from this Association careful consideration and prompt action.

The deficit in the treasury increasing instead of diminishing, and that in the face of the urgent appeals of the Secretaries, is a fact that may well alarm us.

The work of the American Board is the work of our churches, and must not be crippled by occasional financial disturbances, as there is money enough in our churches to meet such exigencies. There should be such a sense of personal responsibility on the part of all our membership as to preclude future calls for SPECIAL efforts. The idea of curtailing our benevolent operations for the conversion of the world for the want of money must not be entertained.

Two points were given to the consideration of your Committee: —

I. As to the annual financial estimate upon which the Board should base its expenditures.

On this point the Committee are agreed that any less estimate than that of the current year would be insufficient both as regards economy and efficiency. Enterprises are inaugurated and under way the abandonment of which would be a virtual waste of whatever has been already expended; men are in the field who must be brought home, perhaps at the very time when their preliminary training is completed. Schools must be discontinued just when they have struggled through the difficulties incident to their establishment, and have come into successful operation. Churches beginning to live must be left to die. The whole machinery of operation will be gravely disarranged by a retrograde movement towards a lesser scale of expenditures. In the judgment of the Committee there is no such exigency as to demand this disastrous extravagance in the name of economy.

II. As to the second point, — the existing deficit in the treasury and of methods of meeting it, the Committee would suggest that the pastors of the State be urged to make an immediate and earnest presentation of the facts to their several congregations, and that, as speedily as may be, our churches take up a special collection to relieve the Board of its difficulties; and that while large gifts from the wealthy are welcomed, those who can give but little be urged not to withhold that little, that all our membership may have a part in the work.

It is further recommended that if, in the judgment of the Executive Committee of the Board, it shall seem expedient, the Secretaries be requested to send this action of the Association in circular to the several pastors and churches in the State, to endorse and give impetus to the call for this special collection.

* Adopted, as on page 13.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NON-RESIDENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.*

AT the last meeting of the General Association the following resolution was presented: —

Resolved, In view of the fact that our statistics show that one sixth of the enrolled members of our churches are living away from the churches to which they belong, the Association calls attention to what it can but regard as a great evil, resulting in detriment to the piety and efficiency of these absentees and to the general success of the Kingdom of Christ. And we recommend to pastors and churches a more vigorous effort to enforce a rule requiring that, in all ordinary cases, members absent for more than one year shall apply for letters of dismissal and recommendation to the church where they reside.

This resolution was, by vote, referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to consider the matter and report at the next meeting of the Association. Your Committee has attended to its duty, and respectfully submit the following report: —

The magnitude of the evil complained of seems to increase, rather than diminish, the more we consider it. Your Committee find it much easier to enlarge upon the deleterious effects of absenteeism on the part of church members than to suggest an adequate remedy. The rule referred to in the resolution, already on so many of our church manuals, that "in all ordinary cases members absent for more than one year shall apply for letters of dismissal and recommendation to the church where they reside," is doubtless a good rule and should be better enforced.

But it has seemed to us that a resolution commending this rule, though passed by the Association and entered upon our records, would reach or affect few outside of this assembly. Only a fraction of our church members, not to say *pastors*, would know anything of it. Some more effective method must be employed if an evil so wide-spread is to be reached. Many churches are now doing all they can to reduce their list of absentees. What is wanted is a united and vigorous effort on the part of all our churches to do the same. Your Committee feel that, perhaps, the most effective way in which the General Association could use its influence to secure this end, would be to address a letter to the churches on the subject. They have prepared a draft of such a circular letter (submitted herewith), and they recommend that it be printed, and sent by the Scribe to each church of our order in the Commonwealth, in the hope that it will be read from each pulpit, and so reach the ear of a very large proportion of the members of our churches. If the method suggested is

* Adopted, as on page 12.

an unusual one, it finds its warrant in the magnitude of the evil to be remedied.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

To the ——— Church in ———, Greeting:

REVEREND AND BELOVED, — It is the desire of the General Association to call the attention of the churches of our order in the Commonwealth, to the growing evil among us, arising from the large number of members absent from the churches to which they belong. One sixth of our enrolled members are reported as living away from their churches. Some churches report from one fourth to nearly one half of their members as absentees, and in other churches the number is not reported at all. It is evident that a united and persistent effort is needed to correct this evil.

It is therefore earnestly recommended: —

First. That the names of absentees whose residence is unknown shall be annually read to the church, with a view to obtaining information concerning them.

Second. That every pastor with whose church members of other churches are worshipping, shall annually state to his congregation the number of such persons, with a cordial invitation to this class to unite with the church whose means of grace they enjoy.

Third. That a circular letter shall be annually sent by each church to all its absent members who can be reached, affectionately urging them either to take letters of dismission and commendation to the church with which they worship, or to report annually to the church where they are enrolled.

Fourth. That every church *withdraw fellowship on account of long absence and silence* from all absent members who fail for three years to make report, and who cannot be reached for purposes of Christian labor and discipline, such persons being no longer counted as members, nor entitled to letters of commendation except after having been reinstated, on due explanation, by vote of the church.

A draft of such a circular letter as is recommended, and such in substance as has been used by some of our churches with happy results, is here appended: —

THE ——— CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ———,

To its absent members sends Christian greeting:

DEARLY BELOVED, — This Church earnestly desires to maintain fraternal Christian correspondence with its absent members, and has instructed its pastor and committee to attend to that pleasant duty.

Will you accept then, beloved, the assurance of our continued interest in your spiritual prosperity, and our hearty sympathy with you in your Christian experiences, whether of light and joy or of darkness and perplexity.

We greatly desire to hear from you in respect to your spiritual welfare and your relations to the Church of Christ.

It would be pleasant for us to retain the special church fellowship of all all who have ever been associated with us, and we are glad to feel that absent members cling fondly to their membership and sever it with reluctance.

But we are convinced that ordinarily, Christians should be members of the local church with which they worship.

A letter of recommendation often serves as an introduction to the pastor and a circle of Christian friends and helpers in the walk of faith.

Resident members will be likely to have a deeper sense of personal responsibility for Christian influence and activity than non-residents.

They will be more under the watch of the church, and if tempted to wander from the right way, will be surrounded by those under covenant obligations to render all possible Christian aid.

If in affliction, Christians of the same household of faith will know of their affairs, and will be more likely to visit, comfort, and assist them.

Allow us, therefore, to inquire, —

First. With what church you are accustomed to worship on the Sabbath, to partake statedly of the Lord's Supper, to engage in efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to contribute as the Lord has given you ability for the support of the Gospel?

Second. Is it not desirable that you connect yourself now with the church with which Providence has associated you?

Third. If there are special reasons why you should not remove your church relation, will you please to state such reasons to us, and give us occasion to rejoice that you are still in fellowship with us, and walking in the order of God's house?

Beloved, pray for us that we may be faithful to all the obligations the Master lays upon us.

Hoping soon to hear from you, and wishing you joy and strength in Jesus our Lord,

We remain, in behalf of the Church,

Yours, in Christian love,

————, *Pastor.*

————, *For the Committee.*

The General Association indulges the confident belief that concerted action by our churches of the kind here recommended, would lead to most happy results, in the increased purity and activity of our churches, and which would speedily declare themselves in the diminished percentage of absentees in the statistics of our order in the State. It is further respectfully suggested that this communication be read to the church receiving it in the hearing of the congregation.

REPORT UPON THE ROLL OF MINISTERS.*

THE Committee appointed to take into consideration that part of the Secretary's Report which relates to the lists of ministers reported by the scribes of the several local Associations, and published under the authority of this General Association, respectfully report that, —

In the changes which the years have brought, it appears that for various reasons these lists need to be subjected now to a more careful scrutiny. It is in keeping with the spirit and methods of the present times, which require minute care in all the details of successful business, that the utmost possible accuracy and completeness should characterize all the authorized statistical reports of the membership and ministry of our churches. Though this Association expressly disclaims all ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, the appearance of a minister's name in our published lists is generally regarded as an evidence of reputable ministerial standing. But it is not creditable to our Christian character for truthfulness and fairness, that so many names of ministers without charge should be enrolled among the Congregational ministers of Massachusetts, while their post-office address is unknown, or while they are reported as ministering permanently to the churches of other denominations.

Concurring heartily in the desire of the Secretary to secure a trustworthy and complete register of the Congregational ministers of Massachusetts, in view of the statements made in regard to the classes and causes of existing inaccuracies, the Committee beg leave to recommend to this Association the adoption of the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That in cases where ministers, not pastors, but reported by the Association, are officially members of two denominations, the Secretary be directed to address to each the question whether he wishes to be enrolled as a Congregational minister, and to insert in our alphabetical list the names of such as answer in the affirmative.

Resolved, That we hereby recommend to the several local Associations which have not already adopted such regulations, that they make it a rule that in case of the removal of any member from their territorial limits, membership shall cease within six months in virtue of such removal, unless upon application to that effect the Association shall vote to prolong the connection for a further specified time.

If a member belonging to one Association has connected himself with another without terminating his former membership, we recommend that the Association with which he was formerly connected shall erase his name from their list, when notified of the fact that he has joined another.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish separately a list of non-resident members of our local Associations.

* Accepted, and resolves adopted, as on page 14.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS, *in account with* GEO. E. CLARKE, *Treasurer.*

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1873.		
July 21.	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising . .	$7.20
1874.		
Jan. 28.	To cash paid E. Anthony & Sons, for printing "Minutes,"	
June 12.	circulars, mailing do., etc.	1,030.60
June 4.	To cash paid Wm. L. Greene & Co., advertising . .	6.50
June 15.	To cash paid Gazette Printing Co., for printing order of exercises	7.00
June 17.	To cash paid Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, for sundry expenses as Secretary of the Home Evangelization Committee	16.00
June 17.	To cash paid Rev. A. H. Quint, for stationery, postage, and travelling expenses	15.82
June 17.	To cash paid Rev. J. P. Kimball, for stationery, postage, and travelling expenses	15.50
June 17.	To cash paid Treasurer for stationery, postage, and travelling expenses	5.00
	Balance in the treasury	24.84
		$1,128.46

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By balance in the treasury as per last account $285.59

By cash received from the several Conferences, as follows, viz.: —

June 13, 1874, Barnstable, $31.14; Sept. 7, 1873 (for 1872–3), Berkshire North, $39.32; March 5, 1874, Berkshire South, $21.88; January 27, Brookfield, $52.66; December 6, 1873, Franklin, $25; May 20, 1874, Hampden, $50; February 7, Hampshire, $50; December 13 and April 6, Hampshire East, $34.21; May 26, Mendon, $32; March 7, Middlesex South, $43; Nov. 28, 1874, Middlesex Union, $50.56; February 11, Old Colony, $25; April 21, Suffolk North, $104.75; April 22, Suffolk South, $88; May 11, Taunton and vicinity, $25; June 17, Woburn, $50.22; January 22, Worcester, $62.86; February 28, Worcester North, $23.75; June 17, Worcester South, $33.52.

Total receipts $1,128.49

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality; and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865; the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each District Association of ministers consenting to the principles above stated, may appoint, annually, two delegates; and each District Conference of churches, also so consenting, may appoint, annually, three delegates, who shall be laymen; which delegates, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A Secretary, a Registrar, and a Treasurer, shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational Church connected with this body shall be eligible.

2. A Moderator and an Assistant Registrar shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each session, to serve during that session.

3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of the ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof, distribute the publications of the Association, and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The Registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association; to whom the Assistant Registrar shall render his aid. He shall seasonably notify the time and place of each annual session.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and be the Committee of Publication unless another be chosen. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. QUORUM. — Twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, at four o'clock, P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

IX. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates, to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that Society.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

XI. ORGANIZATION. — The pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The certificates of the delegates present shall be presented — only the names of members being read by the Registrar. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator and an Assistant Registrar, and the Moderator shall open the session with prayer. A Committee on Credentials shall then be appointed, to whom all certificates shall be referred.

XII. COMMITTEES. — 1. The Committees for the session are these:

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, who shall be appointed by the Moderator immediately after the opening of the session.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following, and any other committees referred to them.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the pastor, or some member of the church, shall be one, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session, but through the hands, and with the approbation of the committee. But if said committee decline presenting any item of business

proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Committee to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the churches of the several Conferences connected with this body.

2. To act after the adjournment:

(1.) A Provisional Committee of five, to arrange the schedule for the next annual meeting; to select a preacher for a sermon on Wednesday, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(2.) A State Committee on the Work of the Churches, who shall make an annual report to this body, upon the Work of the Churches and State of Religion, unless otherwise ordered at any session.

XIII. EXERCISES. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of Home Evangelization, addresses and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIV. SPECIAL ORDERS. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, the Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; shall direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer; and cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

2. The associational sermon and Lord's supper shall be assigned to Thursday P. M., but may be changed to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association shall be devoted to the cause of Home Missions.

3. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer.

XV. PLACE OF MEETING. — Previously to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and designate the Association (in alphabetical order) to appoint a preacher for the sermon before the Lord's supper. And the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's supper in the course of the service. The Lord's supper shall be administered, generally, without remarks.

XVI. RULES OF ORDER. — 1. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be opened to discussion until it be seconded.

2. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, laying on the table, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question. The previous question is this: Shall the main question be now put? And the effect of adopting it shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon the amendments, if any are pending, and then upon the main question proper.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair; and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

XVII. AMENDMENTS. — 1. Any of the above Rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposal at the annual meeting next prior to that of action; and after notice has been sent to the several Associations and Conferences; and by a two-thirds vote.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

I. Andover, Organized June 8, 1859.

Churches:

Andover, South church,	Essex Co.	Lawrence, Eliot Cong. ch.,	Essex Co.
" West church,	" "	" South Cong. ch.	" "
" Free Christian ch.	" "	Lowell, First church,	Middlesex Co.
" Ballardvale, Un. ch.	" "	" Appleton St. ch.	" "
" Theolog. Semi. ch.	" "	" John St. church,	" "
Chelmsford, 2d church,	Middlesex Co.	" Kirk St. church,	" "
Dracut, 1st church,	" "	" High St. church,	" "
" Pawtucket ch.	" "	Methuen, 1st church,	Essex Co.
" Central ch.	" "	North Andover,	" "
Lawrence, Law. St. Cong. ch.,	Essex Co.	Tewksbury,	Middlesex Co.
" Central Cong. ch.	" "	Tyngsborough,	" —22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in April and October.

James G. Buttrick, Lowell, Secretary and Treasurer for three years. A Moderator is chosen at each meeting.

II. Barnstable, Organized October 28, 1828.

Churches, — all the churches in Barnstable and Nantucket counties. — 22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday of June and first Tuesday of December.

Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, Scribe.

III. Berkshire North, Organized December 3, 1867.

Churches, — all of which are in Berkshire County, except Middlefield:

Adams, North,	Pittsfield, Second church,
" South,	" South church,
Becket, North,	Richmond,
Dalton,	Washington,
Hinsdale,	Williamstown, First church,
Lanesborough,	" College church,
Middlefield, Hampshire Co.	" 2d church, South,
Peru,	Windsor. — 17.
Pittsfield, First church,	

The Union church at White Oaks, in Williamstown, also belongs to the Conference.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in May and November.

Rev. Albert C. Sewall, Williamstown, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Crowther, Pittsfield, Scribe.

IV. Berkshire South, Organized September 4, 1860.

Churches, — all of which are in Berkshire County:

Alford,
Becket, Centre,
Egremont, South,
Great Barrington,
" " Housatonic,
Lee,
Lenox,
Monterey,
New Marlborough, First church,
New Marlborough, Southfield,
" " Mill River,
Otis,
Sandisfield,
Sheffield,
Stockbridge,
" Curtisville,
West Stockbridge,
" " Centre. — 18.

Conference holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday of November; its other meetings at the call of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Francis H. Boynton, Mill River, Moderator; Elisha Doolittle, Great Barrington, Scribe; Rev. Sullivan F. Gale, New Marlborough, S. W. Wright, and Rev. N. S. Dickinson, Executive Committee.

V. Brookfield Associational, Organized June 13, 1821.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County, except those noted otherwise:

Barre,
Brimfield, Hampden Co.
Brookfield,
Charlton,
Dana,
Dudley,
Hardwick,
" Gilbertville,
Holland, Hampden Co.
New Braintree,
North Brookfield, First Church,
North Brookfield, Union ch.
Oakham,
Southbridge,
Spencer,
Sturbridge,
Ware, First church, Hampshire Co.
" East, "
Warren,
" West,
West Brookfield. — 21.

Conference meets annually on the second Tuesday in June, at 10 A. M.
Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe.

VI. Essex North, Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches, — all of which are in Essex County:

Amesbury, West,
" Mills,
Boxford, West,
Bradford, First church,
Georgetown, First church,
Groveland,
Haverhill, West Parish,
" East Parish,
Haverhill, Centre church,
" North church,
Ipswich, First church,
Ipswich and Rowley, Linebrook,
Newbury, First church,
" Byfield,
Newburyport, North church,
" Fourth church,

VI. Essex North, — *Continued.*

Newburyport, Belleville,
" Whitefield church,
Rowley,
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,
Salisbury and Amesbury, Union ch.
West Newbury, First church,
" " Second church. — 23.

The First and Second Presbyterian churches, in Newburyport, are also members of the Conference.

Conference meets (annually) on the second Tuesday in May; semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday in October.

Dea. William Thurston, Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Bradford, Scribe.

VII. Essex South, Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches, — all of which are in Essex County:

Beverly, Second church, North,
" Dane Street church,
" Washington Street church,
Boxford,
Danvers, Centre,
" Maple Street church,
Essex,
Georgetown, Memorial church,
Gloucester, West,
" Harbor,
" Lanesville,
Hamilton,
Ipswich, South church,
Lynn, First church,
" Central church,
" Chestnut Street church,
Lynn, North Congregational church,
Lynnfield, Centre,
" Second church,
Manchester, Orthodox church,
Marblehead, First church,
" Third church,
Middleton,
Peabody,
Rockport, First church,
Salem, Tabernacle church,
" South church,
" Crombie Street church,
Saugus,
Swampscott,
Topsfield,
Wenham. — 32.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in May and second Wednesday in October.

Rev. Edward S. Atwood, Salem, Chairman of Executive Committee; Rev. Calvin G. Hill, Hamilton, Clerk and Treasurer.

VIII. Franklin, Organized October 10, 1843.

Churches, — all the churches in Franklin County, except Whately. — 29.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Alfred F. Marsh, Shelburne, Moderator; Rev. Arthur Shirley, Conway, Scribe and Treasurer.

IX. Hampden, Organized December 4, 1850.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampden County, except as mentioned:

Agawam, Feeding Hills,
" Congregational church,
Blandford,
Chester, Centre, First church,
" Depot, Second church,
Chicopee, First church,
" Second church,
" Third church,
Granville, East,
" West,
Holyoke, First church,
" Second church,
Longmeadow,
" East,
Ludlow,
" Mills,
Monson,
Montgomery,
Palmer, First church,
" Second church, Depot,
South Hadley, First ch., Hampshire Co.
Southwick,
Springfield, First church,
" Olivet church,
" South church,
" North church,
" Indian Orchard,
" Sanford Street church,
Tolland,
Westfield, First church,
" Second church,
West Springfield,
" " Mittineaque,
" " Park street,
Wilbraham,
" South. — 36.

Also; Springfield, Memorial church (Union).

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

Rev. Henry Hopkins, Westfield, Moderator; Rev. John W. Harding, Longmeadow, Scribe.

X. Hampshire, Organized February, 1865.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampshire County:

Chesterfield,
Cummington, East,
" West,
Easthampton, First church,
" Payson church,
Goshen,
Hatfield,
Huntington, First church,
" Second church,
Northampton, First church,
" Edwards church,
" Florence church,
Plainfield,
Southampton,
Westhampton,
Williamsburg, First church,
" Haydenville,
Worthington. — 18.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and first Tuesday in November.

Rev. John H. Bisbee, Huntington, Moderator; Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe.

XI. Hampshire East, Organized November 13, 1860.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampshire County, except as below:

Amherst, First church,
" Second church, East street,
" College church,
" North church, North,
" Church of South,
Belchertown,
Enfield,
Granby,
Greenwich,
Hadley, First church,
Hadley, Second church,
" Russell church,
Leverett, Franklin County,
Pelham,
" Packardville,
Prescott,
South Hadley,
" " Falls,
Whately, Franklin County. — 19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and on the third Tuesday in October.

George Montague, Amherst, Permanent Clerk and Treasurer.

XII. Mendon, Organized April 27, 1858.

Churches, — all of which are in Norfolk County, except as below:

Foxborough,
Franklin, North,
" South,
Mansfield, Bristol County,
Medfield,
Medway, First church, East,
Medway, Second church, West,
" Village church,
Milford, Worcester County,
Norfolk,
Walpole,
Wrentham. — 12.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays of April and October.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe and Treasurer.

XIII. Middlesex South, Organized August 20, 1828.

Churches:

Ashland, Middlesex County,
Concord, " "
Dover, Norfolk County,
Framingham, Ply'th ch., Middlesex Co.
" Saxonville, " "
" South, " "
Holliston, " "
Hopkinton, " "
Lincoln, " "
Marlborough, " "
Maynard, Middlesex County,
Natick, " "
" South, " "
Needham, Wellesley, Norfolk County,
Sherborn, Middlesex County,
Southborough, Worcester Co.
" Southville, " "
Sudbury, Middlesex County,
Wayland, " " — 19.

Conference meets on the third Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. L. Root Eastman, Jr., Framingham, Moderator; Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIV. Middlesex Union, Organized May 8, 1833.

Churches:

Acton, Middlesex County,
Ashby, " "
Ayer, " "
Boxborough, " "
Dunstable, " "
Fitchburg, Calvinistic ch., Worces'r Co.
" Rollstone ch. " "
Groton, Middlesex County,
Harvard, Worcester County,
Lancaster, Worcester County,
Leominster, " "
Littleton, Middlesex County,
Lunenburg, Worcester County,
Pepperell, Middlesex County,
Shirley, " "
Townsend, " "
Westford, " " — 17.

Conference meets in April, and at Acton October 21–22, 1874.

Rev. Henry M. Tyler, Fitchburg, President; Rev. Franklin P. Wood, Acton, Secretary.

XV. Norfolk, Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches:

Abington, First church, Plymouth Co.
" Second ch., South, " "
" Fourth ch., North, " "
Braintree, First ch., Norfolk County,
" South ch. " "
Bridgewater, Central Square ch. — Plymouth County,
Brockton, First ch. " "
" South ch., Campello, " "
" Porter Ev. ch., Plymouth Co.
Canton, Norfolk County,
Cohasset, Evan. ch., " "
" Beechwood, " "
East Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Easton, Bristol County,
Hingham, Plymouth County,
Holbrook, Winthrop ch., Norfolk Co.
Milton, First church, Norfolk Co.
" Second ch., Railway, " "
Quincy, " "
Randolph, First church, " "
Rockland, Plymouth County,
Sharon, Norfolk County,
Stoughton, " "
Weymouth, 1st church, " "
" 2d ch., South, " "
" Landing, " "
" Union ch., South, " "
" Pilgrim ch., North, " "
" East, " "
" Lovell's Corner, " "—30

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May and last Tuesday in September.

Rev. George F. Stanton, South Weymouth, Scribe and Treasurer.

XVI. Old Colony, Organized September 23, 1856.

Churches:

Dartmouth, South, Bristol County,
Fairhaven, " "
Marion, Plymouth County,
Mattapoisett, " "
Middleborough, First ch., " "
" Central ch., " "
New Bedford, First ch., Bristol Co.
New Bedford, North ch., Bristol Co.
" " Trin. ch., " "
" " Pacific ch., " "
Rochester, Centre, Plymouth County,
" North, " "
Wareham, " "
Westport, Bristol County. — 14.

The churches on Martha's Vineyard, viz.: Chilmark, Edgartown, Tisbury, Dukes County, also group themselves with this Conference for representation.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.

Dea. Reuben Nye, Fairhaven, Scribe.

XVII. Pilgrim, Organized April 27, 1830.

Churches, — all of which are in Plymouth County:

Carver, North,
Duxbury, Pilgrim church,
Halifax,
Hanover, First church,
" Second church, Four Corners,
Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First church,
Marshfield, Second church, East,
Plymouth, Second church, South,
" Church of the Pilgrimage,
" Fourth church, Chiltonville,
" Fifth church, "
Plympton,
Scituate, North. — 15.

Conference meets on the third Thursday (and Wednesday) in April and October.

Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Plymouth, Moderator; Rev. William H. Cobb, Chiltonville, Scribe and Treasurer.

XVIII. Suffolk North, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston, Chelsea, and Revere, in Suffolk County; the others in Middlesex County:

Arlington,
Boston, Charlestown, First church,
" Old South church,
" Salem and Mariners' church,
" Charlestown, Winthrop church,
" East Maverick church,
" Mount Vernon church,
" Chambers street church,
Cambridge, First church,
" Port, First church,
" East,
Cambridge, North Avenue,
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim church,
" Chapel church,
Chelsea, Winnisimmet church,
" Central church,
Everett,
Revere,
Somerville, First church, East,
" Broadway Orth. church,
Winter Hill,
" West. — 21.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

Hon. Rufus S. Frost, Chelsea, Moderator; S. N. Watson, 33 John Street, Boston, Secretary and Treasurer.

XIX. Suffolk South, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston in Suffolk County; the others in Norfolk County:

Boston, Dorchester, Second church,
" Union church,
" South, Phillips church,
" Dorchester, Village church,
Boston, Highlands, Eliot church,
" West Roxbury, South Ev. ch.
" Jamaica Plain, Central ch.
" Highlands, Vine St. church,

XIX. Suffolk South, — *Continued.*

Boston, Neponset, Trinity church,
" South, E Street church,
" Dorchester, Cottage St. ch.
" Highland church,
" Highlands, Walnut Av. ch.
Boston, Highlands, Holland church,
Dedham, First church,
Hyde Park,
Norwood. — 17.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Boston Highlands, Secretary; J. Russell Bradford, Boston, Treasurer.

XX. Suffolk West, Organized November 17, 1873.

Churches:

Belmont, Waverley, Middlesex Co.
Boston, Park Street ch., Suffolk Co.
" Berkeley St. ch. " "
" church in Brighton, " "
" Central church, " "
" Shawmut church, " "
Brookline, Harvard ch., Norfolk, "
Needham, Grantville, " "
Newton, First church, Middlesex Co.
Newton, Second church, Middlesex Co.
" Eliot church, " "
" Auburndale, " "
" North church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Highlands church, " "
Waltham, " "
Watertown, Phillips ch. " "
— 17.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, Waltham, Recording Secretary; Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, Watertown, Secretary of church work; C. W. Robinson, Treasurer.

XXI. Taunton and Vicinity, Organized October 2, 1849.

Churches, — all of which are in Bristol County, except as below:

Attleborough, East,
" West,
Berkley, First church,
Bridgewater, Scotland parish, Plymouth Co.
Dighton,
Fall River, First church,
" Central church,
Freetown, Assonet,
Lakeville, Plymouth Co.
Middleborough, North, " "
Norton,
Raynham,
Rehoboth,
Seekonk,
Somerset,
Taunton, East,
Taunton, Trin. Cong. church,
" West,
" Winslow church,
" Union church, Whittenton.
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Conference meets annually on the Tuesday (and Wednesday) following the Bristol County Cattle Show.

Rev. Frederick A. Reed, East Taunton, Chairman; Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., Taunton, Scribe.

XXII. Woburn, Organized December 5, 1849.

Churches, — all of which are in Middlesex County:

Bedford,
Billerica,
Burlington,
Carlisle,
Lexington,
Malden,
Medford, First church,
" Second church,
" West,
Melrose,
North Reading,
Reading, Old South church,
" Bethesda church,
Stoneham,
Wakefield,
Wilmington,
Winchester,
Woburn, First church,
" North. — 19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

E. A. Stevens, Malden, Moderator; Rev. Edward Chase, Bedford, Scribe.

XXIII. Worcester Central, Organized April 28, 1852.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County:

Auburn,
Berlin,
Boylston,
Clinton,
Holden,
Leicester,
Northborough,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Princeton,
Rutland,
Shrewsbury,
Sterling,
West Boylston,
Worcester, First church,
" Calvinist church,
" Union church,
" Salem Street church,
" Mission Chapel church,
" Plymouth church,
" Piedmont church,
" Tabernacle church. — 22.

Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Wednesday following the third Monday in October.

Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Leicester, Scribe.

XXIV. Worcester North, Organized November 24, 1827.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County, except as below:

Ashburnham, First church,
" Second church,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, Franklin County,
Orange, North, " "
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First church,
" Second church,
Templeton,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First church,
" North. — 15.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in June and fourth Tuesday in October.

Ira Kendall, Athol, Moderator; Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, clerk.

XXV. Worcester South, Organized June 17, 1828.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County:

Blackstone,
Douglas,
" East,
Grafton,
" Saundersville,
Millbury, First church,
" Second church,
Northbridge,
" Whitinsville,
Sutton,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Westborough. — 14.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and October.

Rev. William T. Briggs, East Douglas, Scribe; William R. Hill, Wilkinsonville, Treasurer.

During the year, one new Conference has been organized, viz. *Suffolk West,* from Suffolk South.

The only church not reported as connected with any Conference is:

Norfolk County, — Evangelical church in Needham.

Three churches in Franklin County are reported each by two Conferences, viz.:

Leverett, — by Franklin and Hampshire East.
New Salem, — by Franklin and Worcester North.
Orange, North, — by Franklin and Worcester North.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

I. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JULY 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Smith Baker,	'60, July 30.	'71, Dec. 5.	Lowell.	Pastor.
Charles D. Barrows,	'71, July 13.	'71, Oct. 3.	Lowell.	"
Spencer F. Beard,	'29, Jan. 14.	'59, Jan.	Andover.	Retired.
Joseph Boardman,	'61, Mar. 20.	'70, Oct. 18.	Dracut.	Pastor.
Clark Carter,	'70, Apr. 27.	'73, June 3.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Benjamin F. Clark,	'39, Aug. 1.	'40, June 13.	No. Chelmsford.	A. P.
Caleb E. Fisher,	'43, Aug. 23.	'55, Dec. 11.		
Rufus C. Flagg,	'72, Sept. 26.	'73, June 3.	No. Andover.	Pastor.
Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	'41, Aug. 11.	'53, Feb.	Lowell.	"
S. Franklin French,	'64, Sept. 29.	'71, Dec. 5.	Tewksbury.	"
Thomas G. Grassie,	'63, Mar. 31.	'68, Feb. 11.	*Appleton, Wis.*	
Henry S. Greene,	'37, Dec. 27.	'55, Dec. 11.	Ballardvale.	Pastor.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	"
Charles M. Mead,	'66, Aug. 10.	'67, Oct. 9.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
James H. Merrill,	'39, Nov. 26.	'56, June 9.	Andover.	Pastor.
Theodore T. Munger,	'56, Feb. 6.	'72, Feb. 6.	Lawrence.	"
William E. Park,	'67, Nov. 13.	'67, Dec. 10.	Lawrence.	"
Austin Phelps, D. D.,	'42, Mar. 30.	'66, Apr. 10.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Daniel Phillips,	'61, Feb. 20	'71, Dec. 5.	No. Chelmsf'd.	Pastor.
Charles Smith,	'47, Oct. 10.	'62, Apr. 8.	Andover.	"
Owen Street,	'43, Feb. 3.	'57, Dec. 8.	Lowell.	"
John L. Taylor, D. D.,	'39, July 18.	'39, Oct. 1.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Worcester Willey,	'44, Oct. 3.	'72, Oct. 15.	Andover.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Edward A. Benner,	'73, June 24.	George L. Nims,	'69, Oct. 19.
Marvin D. Bisbee,	'73, June 24.	Frederick Palmer,	'72, June 26.
Charles H. Brooks,	'72, June 15.	M. Stuart Phelps, *Tutor*	
Charles F. Dole,	'71, June 28.	*Yale Coll.*,	'71, June 6.
Elisha F. Fales, Jr.,	'73, June 24.	Joseph B. Seabury,	'73, June 24.
Joseph E. Fiske,	'66, Dec. 11.	Edwin B. Sellers,	'73, June 24.
Charles N. Flanders,	'73, June 24.	Charles R. Seymour,	'73, June 24.
James B. Gregg,	'73, June 24.	John E. Smith,	'73, June 24.
Charles L. Hall,	'73, June 24.	Edwin C. Stickel,	'73, June 24.
John W. Hird,	'73, June 24.	Edward G. Stone,	'73, June 24.
G. Milton Howe,	'73, June 24.	Roderic Terry,	'72, June 15.
Henry L. Kendall,	'73, June 24.	George H. Tilton,	'72, June 15.
George W. Kinne,	'70, July 5.	Charles L. Tomblen,	'73, June 24.
Albert Livermore,	'72, June 15.	Edward P. Wheeler,	'73, June 24.
S. Sherborn Matthews,	'73, June 24.	Robert M. Woods,	'71, June 6.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesdays in February, June, October, and December.

Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Lowell, Scribe.

II. BERKSHIRE NORTH, (BERKSHIRE, 1763,) ORGANIZED BY DIVISION OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward O. Bartlett,	'63, Sept. 14.	'73, June 2.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.
John Bascom, LL. D.,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	*Madison, Wis.*	Pres. Coll.
Richard S. Billings,	'55, June 6.	'72, Mar. 4.	Dalton,	Pastor.
Thomas Crowther,	'67, Aug. 6.	'72, June 3.	Pittsfield.	"
J. Jay Dana,	'35, Sept. 9.	'67, June 3.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Calvin Durfee, D. D.,	'28, Apr. 23.	'55, Nov. 5.	Williamstown.	"
Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	'67, Sept. 19.	'67, Dec. 2.	Hinsdale.	Pastor.
Hiram W. Gilbert,	'41, Oct. 20.	'70, Dec. 12.	Peru.	"
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	Williamstown.	Prof.
Nathaniel H. Griffin, D. D.,	'39, June.	'53, May 2.	"	Coll. Lib'n.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52.	Pittsfield.	A. P.
Mark Hopkins, D. D., LL. D.,	'36, Sept. 15.	'53, May 2.	Williamst'n.	Prof. Coll.
Sardis B. Morley,	'51, July 9.	'59, Oct. 31.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
Benjamin Ober,	'34, Jan. 1.	'72, June 3.	Petersham.	"
Charles M. Peirce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'69, Sept. 6.	Middlefield.	Pastor.
Llewellyn Pratt,	'64, May 27.	'72, Mar. 4.	North Adams.	"
Albert C. Sewall,	'71, Oct. 13.	'73, Dec. 1.	Williamstown.	"
Charles V. Spear,	'52, Oct.	'59, Apr. 25.	Pittsfield.	Teacher.
Charles E. Stebbins,	'59, Dec. 14.	'70, Dec. 12.	South Adams.	A. P.
John Tatlock, LL. D.,	'52, Oct. 14.	'52, May 2.	Pittsfield.	Attorney.

Licentiate. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Mondays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. Ephraim Flint, D. D., Hinsdale, Scribe and Treasurer.

III. BERKSHIRE SOUTH, (BERKSHIRE, 1763,) ORGANIZED BY DIVISION OCTOBER 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'73, Apr. 28.	Mill River.	Pastor.
Charles F. Bradley,	'69, Aug. 18.	'68, Aug. 3.	*Birmingham, Ct.*	"
George T. Dole,	'42, Oct. 6.	'65, Oct. 31.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Eggleston,	'45, Feb. 9.	'61, Apr. 30.	*Enfield, Conn.*	
Samuel R. Free,	'69, Apr. 11.	'73, Apr. 28.	Southfield.	Pastor.
Nahum Gale, D. D.,	'42, June 22.	'54, Apr. 17.	Lee.	"
Sullivan F. Gale,	'69, June 23.	'70, May 2.	New Marlborough.	"
Edward J. Giddings,	'57, Oct. 19.	'63, Jan. 27.	Somerset.	A. P.
Amos E. Lawrence,	'48, June 25.	'68, Apr. 27.	Stockbridge.	W. C.
Mason Noble, Jr.,	'69, Dec. 29.	'70, July 25.	Sheffield.	Pastor.
Charles C. C. Painter,	'63, Sept. 22.	'63, Oct. 27.	*Stafford Springs, Ct.*	Pastor-elect.
Lewis Pennell,	'33, Sept. 17.	'55, Jan. 28.	W. Stockbridge Cen.	Pastor-retired.
Winthrop H. Phelps,	'48, Feb. 9.	'52, Oct. 14.	So. Egremont.	W. C.

III. Berkshire South, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Evarts Scudder,	'59, June 1.	'69, Apr. 26.	Gt. Barrington.	Pastor.
Horace S. Shapleigh,	'69, Dec. 8.	'70, Jan. 31.		
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	

Licentiates.	Approbated.
William J. Bartlett, *Lay Preacher*,	1871, Aug. 7.
Benjamin F. Parsons.	1872, July 30.

Times of Meeting. — Last Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

IV. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel J. Austin,	'57, Feb. 25.	'69, Jan. 12.	Warren.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Bliss,	'68, Dec. 9.	'69, Jan. 12.	Holland.	W. C.
William B. Bond,	'40, Mar. 18.	'73, Apr. 16.	N. Braintree.	Pastor.
Willard D. Brown,	'70, Dec. 6.	'71, Apr. 11.	Gilbertville.	"
Josiah W. Brown,	'46, Aug. 5.	'73, July 1.	Charlton.	Farmer.
Richard B. Bull,	'55, Mar. 13.	'71, July 6.	W. Br'kfield.	Pastor.
Charles E. Cooledge,	'71, May 24.	'74, Jan. 13.	Westminster.	A. P.
Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	'65, July 26.	'68, Oct. 13.	Westminster.	Pastor.
Warren C. Fiske,	'47, May 19.	'73, July 1.	Charlton.	Farmer.
William M. Gay,	'63, Mar. 31.	'74, Jan. 13.	West Warren.	A. P.
John Haven,	'36, Dec. 14.	'51, June 10.	Charlton.	Pastor.
Elbridge W. Merritt,	'66, Mar. 7.	'73, Apr. 16.	Hardwick.	"
Alpha Morton,	'44, Feb. 14.	'73, Jan. 14.	Oakham.	"
Ariel E. P. Perkins, D. D.,	'44, Sept. 18.	'56, Jan. 1.	Ware.	"
Martin L. Richardson,	'60, Mar. 7.	'63, Sept. 13.	Sturbridge.	"
Joel M. Seymour,	'73, Oct. 8.	'74, Jan. 13.	Brookfield.	"
H. Allen Shorey,	'65, July 28.	'74, Jan. 13.	Spencer.	"
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'69, Oct. 13.	Barre.	"
William G. Tuttle,	'51, Apr. 16.	'62, Sept. 30.	Ware.	"

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesdays in January, June, and October, and first Tuesday in July.

Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

V. Cape Cod, Organized October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George P. Blanchard,	'60, May 15.	'73, Oct. 29.	*Saco, Me.*	
David Brigham,	'19, Dec. 29.	'65, Apr. 18.	Abington.	A. P.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, Apr. 15.	Falmouth.	Pastor.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'69, May 7.	Yarmouth.	"
Samuel Fairley,	'50.	'69, Apr. 20.	Berkley.	A. P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 29.	'71, Jan. 31.	Townsend.	"
Henry A. Goodhue,	'63, May 20.	'62, Nov. 11.	W. Barnstable.	Pastor.
Charles E. Harwood,	'71, June 7.	'71, Oct. 17.	Orleans.	

V. CAPE COD, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William Leonard,	'44, July 7.	'71, Apr. 18.	So. Wellfleet.	A. P.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, Apr. 21.	'74, Apr. 16.	Harwich Port.	"
Joseph R. Munsell,	'31, Oct.	'61, Apr.	*Vermont.*	
Edward W. Noble,	'49, Dec. 26.	'50, Apr.	Truro.	Pastor.
Frederick Oxnard,	'61, May.	'72, Apr. 16.	Sandwich.	"
David Perry,	'28, May.	'73. Apr. 15.	East Falmouth.	A. P.
Caleb W. Piper,	'42, June 22.	'70, Jan. 17.	Tolland.	"
William C. Reed,	'70, Feb. 9.	'70, Apr. 19.	South Dennis.	Pastor.
Edwin Seabury,	'40, June 18.	'65, Apr. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Harvey M. Stone,	'48, Nov. 2.	'65, Apr.	*Rochester, N.H.*	Pastor.
Christopher J. Switzer,	'67, Jan. 10.	'67, Apr. 16.		
Josiah W. Turner,	'37, Apr. 19.	'73, Apr. 15.	Maplewood.	A. P.
Bradish C. Ward,	'60, Apr. 8.	'73, Apr. 15.	Harwich.	"
Charles H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Worcester.	"

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Fourth Tuesday in January, and third Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. Henry A. Goodhue, West Barnstable, Moderator; Rev. William C. Reed, South Dennis, Secretary.

VI. ESSEX NORTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 8, 1761.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ephraim W. Allen,	'43, May 17.	'68, Sept. 8.	W. Haverhill.	Pastor.
Thomas R. Beeber,	'73, Jan. 31.	'73, Dec. 16.	Georgetown.	"
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'70, Apr. 19.	Methuen.	Pastor.
Pliny S. Boyd,	'65, Oct. 5.	'72, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	Pastor.
Randolph Campbell,	'35, Apr. 30.	'38, Feb. 28.	Newburyport.	"
John P. Cowles,	'33, June 18.	'44, Aug.	Ipswich.	Teacher.
Daniel T. Fiske, D. D.,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Omar W. Folsom,	'72, Oct. 31.	'73, Apr. 15.	Newbury.	"
Lewis Gregory,	'68, Oct. 15.	'68, Dec. 15.	W. Amesbury.	"
Charles M. Hyde, D. D.,	'62, Oct. 19.	'71, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	"
Seneca M. Keeler,	'62, July 8.	'72, Dec. 17.	W. Newbury.	"
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	"
Nathaniel Lasell,	'50, May 15.	'72, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	A. P.
John C. Paine,	'38, June 6.	'71, Feb. 21.	Groveland.	Pastor.
Calvin E. Park,	'38, Oct. 31.	'47, Feb. 24.	W. Boxford.	Teacher.
John Pike, D. D.,	'38, Apr. 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
James Powell,	'69, Nov. 24.	'70, Feb. 15.	Newburyport.	
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 3.	'74, June.	East Haverhill.	A. P.
Raymond H. Seeley, D. D.,	'43, July 5.	'62, Apr. 15.	Haverhill.	Pastor.
Egbert C. Smyth, D. D.,	'56, July 22.	'67, Apr. 16.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Samuel J. Spalding, D. D.,	'46, Oct. 26.	'52, Apr. 28.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Leonard Withington, D. D.,	'16, Oct. 31.	'17, June 10.	Newbury.	Sen. P.

Licentiate. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, D. D., Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., Newburyport, Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.

VII. ESSEX SOUTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 3, 1717.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George N. Anthony,	'55, Oct. 3.	'69, June 8.	Peabody.	Pastor.
Edward S. Atwood,	'56, Oct. 23.	'64, Dec. 6.	Salem.	"
Dana Clayes,	'21, July 4.	'62, June 3.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, Apr. 7.	Salem.	Pastor.
James H. Fitts,	'59, Nov. 2.	'71, Dec. 5.	Topsfield.	"
Wakefield Gale,	'26, May 17.	'37, Nov. 8.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Eli W. Harrington,	'37, Apr. 26.	'64, Oct. 18.	North Beverly.	"
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'72, Dec. 2.	Hamilton.	Pastor.
Jacob Hood,	'59, Nov. 16.	'69, Apr. 7.	Lynnfield.	A. P.
George B. Jewett,	'55, May 25.	'59, Nov. 1.	Salem.	W. C.
Orpheus T. Lanphear, D.D.,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	Pastor.
Charles C. McIntire,	'61, Sept. 17.	'72, Feb. 6.	Rockport.	"
Thomas Morong,	'54, Apr. 12.	'64, Apr. 10.	Ipswich.	"
Alexander J. Sessions,	'38, June 22.	'73, Dec. 2.	North Beverly.	A. P.
William H. Teel,	'68, Oct. 28.	'72, Feb. 6.	Lanesville.	A. P.
Francis V. Tenney,	'45, Aug. 7.	'59, Mar. 1.	Saugus C'ntre.	Pastor.
J. Henry Thayer, D. D.,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Andover.	Prof. Sem,

Licentiate. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

VIII. FRANKLIN, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 20, 1803.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward B. Bassett,	'57, May.	'68, Nov. 11.	*Harpersfield, N. Y.*	
Robert C. Bell,	'71, Feb. 1.	'72, July.	Orange.	Pastor.
Charles S. Brooks,	'62, Sept. 15.	'73, Feb.	So. Deerfield.	"
Samuel W. Clarke,	'74, Jan. 16.	'73, Nov.	Warwick.	"
Theodore J. Clark,	'42, Oct. 11.	'59, Nov. 8.	Northfield,	"
Robert Crawford, D. D.,	'40, Aug. 20.	'58, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	"
Brainerd B. Cutler,	'37, Aug. 4.	'69, May 12.	Wendell.	A. P.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'74, Feb.	Montague.	Pastor.
James Dingwell,	'72, Aug. 28.	'72, Nov.	Ashfield.	"
John Eastman,	'34, Aug. 13.	'72, Nov.	West Hawley.	A. P.
Andrew B. Foster,	'44, June 16.	'65, Nov. 14.	Orange.	Druggist.
Charles L. Guild,	'64, Feb. 4.	'73, July.	Buckland.	A. P.
Simon L. Hobbs,	'54, Sept.	'70, May 11.		Missionary.
William W. Howland,	'45, Oct. 12.	'58, Feb. 10.	*Ceylon.*	"
Woodbury S. Kimball,	'67, Sept. 3.	'72, May.	Greenfield.	Pastor.

VIII. FRANKLIN, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward E. Lamb,	'59, Sept.	'70, Nov. 8.	Shelburne F'ls.	Pastor.
Aretas G. Loomis,	'50, Jan.	'68, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	W. C.
Alfred F. Marsh,	'67, Oct. 30.	'71, May 9.	Shelburne.	Pastor.
Henry G. Marshall,	'71, Feb. 1.	'72, July.	Charlemont.	"
Eli Moody,	'18, Aug. 12.	'62, Aug. 19.	Montague.	W. C.
Wellington Newell,	'56, Nov. 18.	'73, July.	E. Charlemont.	Pastor.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'65, May 10.	Quincy.	A. P.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'74, May.	Bernardston.	"
Jeremiah Pomeroy,	'33, Oct. 7.	'53, Feb. 1.	So. Deerfield.	W. C.
Edmund S. Potter,	'43, Aug. 23.	'66, Nov. 13.	West Somerville.	A.P.
Henry Seymour,	'43, Mar. 1.	'43, May.	East Hawley.	"
Arthur Shirley,	'72, July 3.	'73, July.	Conway.	Pastor.
David A. Strong,	'49, Mar. 21.	'49, May.	Coleraine.	"
Frank A. Warfield,	'70, Jan. 11.	'73, Nov.	Greenfield.	"

Licentiates. — None.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Greenfield, Scribe; Rev. David A. Strong, Coleraine, Treasurer.

IX. HAMPDEN EAST, ORGANIZED JUNE 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*India.*	Missionary.
Samuel G. Buckingham, D.D.,	'37, May 24.	'47, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	Pastor.
Edward B. Chamberlain,	'56, Mar. 12.	'68, Nov. 10.	So. Wilbraham.	"
E. Benedict Clark,	'39, Oct. 16.	'44, June 12.	Chicopee.	"
Luther H. Cone,	'55, Apr. 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	"
Chester L. Cushman,	'56, Nov. 20.	'68, July 1.	Ludlow.	"
Albert I. Dutton,	'63, Nov. 11.	'70, Feb. 8.	E. Longmeadow.	"
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'68, July 1.	Palmer Depot.	"
Richard G. Greene,	'56, June 25.	'66, July 17.	Springfield.	"
Charles Hammond,	'55, Oct. 9.	'64, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
John W. Harding,	'50, Jan. 1.	'51, Feb. 4.	Longmeadow.	Pastor.
Allen Hazen, D. D.,	'46, July 1.	'61, July 12.	*India.*	Missionary.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	Pastor.
Richard Knight,	'37, May 6.	'57, July 16.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'69, July 6.	Chicopee.	"
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'71, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	"
Milan C. Stebbins,	'64, Oct. 25.	'66, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Sumner,	'68, Jan. 2.	'68, Feb. 4.	Monson.	Pastor.
Joshua T. Tucker,	'37, Nov. 16.	'68, May 5.	Chicopee Falls.	"
James Tufts,	'44, Sept.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Licentiate. — William E. Boies, unlimited; approbated, 1860, May 1.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. E. Benedict Clark, Chicopee, Register and Statistical Scribe.

X. Hampden West, Organized June 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Lyman D. Calkins,	'73, Dec. 10.	'74, Feb. 10.	W. Spr'gfield.	Pastor.
Henry Cooley,	'46, Dec. 2.	'67, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Theodore L. Day,	'72, Dec. 18.	'73, Nov. 11.	Holyoke.	"
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Chester Centre.	Past'r.
[James C. Greenough,	*Not ordained.*	'68, Feb. 11.	*Providence, R. I.*]	
Henry M. Grout,	'58, Sept. 1.	'68, Feb. 11.	Concord.	A. P.
Henry Hopkins.	'61, Sept. 23.	'67, Feb. 12.	Westfield.	Pastor.
Theodore A. Leete,	'45, Sept. 24.	'67, Feb. 12.	Palmer.	A. P.
Timothy Lyman,	'50, Nov. 23.	'73, May 13.		
Simeon Miller,	'46, May 7.	'46, June 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry H. Olds,	'72, May 22.	'73, May 13.	W. Granville.	Pastor.
Cyrus M. Perry,	'65. Mar. 28.	'73, Nov. 11.	Southwick.	A. P.
Ralph Perry,	'44, Jan. 3.	'44, June 11.	Agawam.	Pastor.
Nelson Scott,	'46, Sept. 24.	'72, Feb. 14.	East Granville.	"
Edward A. Smith,	'65. Nov. 21.	'66, Feb. 13.	*Farmington, Ct.*	"
Charles S. Sylvester,	'57, Oct. 20.	'66, Sept. 4.	Feeding Hills.	A. P.
Adoniram J. Titsworth,	'73, June 4.	'73, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	Pastor.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'68, Feb. 11.	Holyoke.	"

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Frederick H. Allen,	'72, May 14.	Mellen D. Stone,	'72, May 14.
Peter B. Shiere,	" "		

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. Ralph Perry, Agawam, Register and Statistical Scribe.

XI. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Marshall B. Angier,	'53, June 8.	'69, Oct. 20.	Ipswich.	Pastor.
John H. Bisbee,	'34, Feb. 20.	'37, Feb. 7.	Huntington.	Pastor.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'39, Aug. 6.	Chesterfield.	W. C.
Edward Clarke,	'39, Apr. 12.	'61, Feb. 5.	Plainfield.	A. P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	Pastor.
Aaron M. Colton,	'40, June 10.	'54, May 24.	Easthampton,	"
Ezekiel Dow,	'45, Feb. 11.	'71, Feb. 7.	Becket.	A. P.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'73, Feb. 4.	Williamsburg.	Pastor.
Gordon Hall, D. D.,	'48, Oct. 25.	'53, May 3.	Northampton.	"
Sidney Holman,	'33, Jan. 16.	'63, May 5.	*Vermont.*	
James P. Kimball,	'57, May 12.	'71, Feb. 7.	Haydenville.	Pastor.
Joseph Lanman,	'68, June 2.	'74, June 2.	Westhampton.	"
William S. Leavitt,	'45, Dec.	'67, May 28.	Northampton.	"
Ephraim Lyman,	'35, Oct. 28.	'64, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	W. C.
David S. Morgan,	'67, June 26.	'68, Oct. 20.	*Montello, Wis.*	
Ozias S. Morris,	'48, June 9.	'74, June 2.	W. Cummington.	A. P.
Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	Pastor.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'73, Oct. 21.	Huntington.	A. P.

Licentiates. — Joseph H. Sawyer, Easthampton, approbated, 1872, June 5.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe and Treasurer.

XII. HAMPSHIRE EAST, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Rowland Ayres,	'48, Jan. 12.	'48, Feb. 8.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Bancroft,	'38, Oct. 20.	'58, Nov. 9.	Prescott.	"
Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'73, Dec. 16.	North Hadley.	Pastor.
Henry B. Blake,	'45, Jan. 1.	'56, Feb. 12.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	
J. Henry Bliss,	'69, Nov. 28.	'71, Sept. 19.	South Hadley.	W. C.
Edward P. Blodgett,	'43, July 6.	'43, Nov. 14.	Greenwich.	Pastor.
Charles A. Conant,	'64, June 2.	'72, Dec. 3.	East Amherst.	A. P.
Edward S. Dwight, D. D.,	'44, Dec. 25.	'54, May 9.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Eastman,	'40, Feb. 12.	'41, Nov. 16.	New Salem.	A. P.
Rufus Emerson,	'63, Jan. 7.	'72, June 4.	Granby.	W. C.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'67, Dec. 17.	Enfield.	Pastor.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	S. Hadley Falls.	"
Dana Goodsell,	'34, May 1.	'41, Nov. 16.	*Philadelphia, Pa.*	W.C.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'69, Feb. 5.	Gardner.	Pastor.
Jonathan L. Jenkins,	'55, Oct. 17.	'69, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	"
H. G. Jesup,	'54, Apr. 26.	'66, Dec. 18.	Amherst.	W. C.
Matthew Kingman, D. D.,	'45, June 26.	'67, Sept. 17.	Amherst.	"
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 17.	'61, Jan. 9.	Whately.	Pastor.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'66, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	W. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	South Amherst.	"
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'71, Sept. 19.	Belchertown.	Pastor.
Robert McEwen, D. D.,	'33, Oct. 10.	'42, Nov. 9.	*New London, Ct.*	W.C.
Julius H. Seelye, D. D.,	'53, Aug. 8.	'65, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
John P. Skeele,	'50, Oct. 9.	'70, Dec. 20.	*W. Bloomfield, N. Y.*	
Wm. A. Stearns, D. D., LL. D.,	'31, Dec. 14.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	Pres. Coll.
William Tyler,	'10, Feb. 24.	'41, Nov. 16.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William S. Tyler, D. D,	'59, Oct. 5.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William K. Vaill,	'66, Feb. 21.	'71, Sept. 19.	Packardville.	Pastor.
Aaron Warner, D. D.,	'23, Sept. 25.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Henry W. Blake.	1873, June 3.
Edward P. Crowell, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.
Richard H. Mather, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.
William L. Montague, Prof. Amherst, re-l.	1873, Feb. 4.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Tuesdays next after the first Sabbaths in February and June, and Tuesdays next after the third Sabbaths in September and December.

Rev. George E. Fisher, South Hadley Falls, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIII. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	Medfield.	A. P.
Sewall Harding,	'21, Jan. 17.	'43, Oct. 17.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	Pastor.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide, D. D.,	'14, Nov. 2.	'15, May 16.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Jacob Ide, Jr.,	'56, Mar. 26.	'56, April.	Mansfield.	"
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	East Medway.	"
S. C. Kendall,	'54, Mar. 29.	'69, Mar. 9.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Caleb Kimball,	'32.	'54, Jan.	Medway Village.	Disabled.
Bernard Paine,	'67, June 1.	'73, Sept. 9.	Foxborough.	A. P.
Daniel J. Poor,	'40, Mar. 11.	'40, Apr. 28.	*Leamington, Ill.*	
Merrill Richardson, D. D.,	'41, Oct. 28.	'74, Mar. 10.	Milford.	Pastor.
Jacob Roberts,	'39, July 17.	'58, Oct.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct.	Andover.	Librarian Theol. Seminary.
David Sanford,	'28, May 22.	'38, Apr. 30.	Medway Vil'ge.	Past'r.
S. Willard Segur,	'62, May 28.	'73, June 10.	West Medway.	"
Bela N. Seymour,	'55, June 20.	'73, Sept. 9.	Walpole.	A. P.
William M. Thayer,	'49, June 20.	'72, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	Sec. Mass. Temp. Alliance.
William R. Tompkins,	'56, Oct. 9.	'68, Dec. 8.	Wrentham.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. William M. Thayer, Franklin, Moderator; Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe.

XIV. Middlesex South, Organized June 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Gorham D. Abbott, LL. D.,	'37, Dec. 25.	'72, Dec. 3.	*N. Y. City.*	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Dec. 9.	Holliston.	Pastor.
David M. Bean,	'63, July 22.	'73, Dec. 9.	So. Framingham.	"
John Colby,	'55, Oct. 31.	'64, Oct. 11.	*Fitzwilliam, N. H.*	A. P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'69, Apr. 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Erastus Dickinson,	'35, Sept. 25.	'56, Apr. 8.	*New Jersey.*	
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	'68, Nov. 10.	'69, Apr. 7.	Middleborough.	"
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 5.	Framingham.	"
Samuel D. Hosmer,	'56, Nov. 11.	'73, Sept. 16.	South Natick.	A. P.
Edward S. Huntress,	'69, Sept. 3.	'73, Sept. 16.	Maynard.	W. C.
George H. Ide,	'69, Oct. 28.	'70, Apr. 5.	Hopkinton.	Pastor.
Charles Jones,	'35, Jan. 15.	'70, Oct. 4.	Saxonville.	"
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'69, Oct. 5.	No. Abington.	A. P.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'73, Dec. 9.	Wayland.	Pastor.

XIV. Middlesex, South, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Birdsey G. Northrop,	'47, Mar. 7.	'47, May 4.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Sec. Conn. Board of Education.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Natick.	Pastor.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'66, Apr. 3.	Wellesley.	"
William H. Phipps,	'66, Aug. 29.	'71, Jan. 3.	*E. Woodstock, Ct.*	A.P.
Henry J. Richardson,	'60, Sept. 6.	'61, Apr. 2.	Lincoln.	Pastor.
Clarendon A. Stone,	'73, Apr. 2.	'73, Sept. 16.	Southville.	W. C.
Josiah H. Temple,	'45, Sept. 30.	'70, July 5.	Framingham.	"
Philander Thurston,	'69, Jan. 19.	'70, July 5.	Sudbury.	Pastor.
Charles R. Treat,	'70, Mar. 30.	'70, July 5.	*Greenwich, Ct.*	"
Daniel Wight,	'42, Sept. 58.	'72, June 4.	Natick.	W. C.
John Wood,	'40, Apr. 8.	'71, Dec. 5.	Wellesley.	"

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — First Tuesdays in February and May, third Tuesday in September, and first Tuesday in December.

Rev. Josiah H. Temple, Framingham, Moderator; Rev. George H. Ide, Hopkinton, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XV. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Franklin D. Austin,	'53, June 23.	'73, Nov. 11.	Dunstable.	A. P.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'66, Nov. 7.	Leominster.	Pastor.
Henry E. Cooley,	'66, Aug. 7.	'72, Sept. 2.	Littleton.	"
Elnathan Davis,	'36, Nov. 7.	'64, Sept. 6.	Auburn.	A. P.
Alfred Emerson,	'45, Oct. 15.	'56, July 6.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'73, Jan. 7.	Ayer.	"
Robert W. Fuller,	'41, June 10.	'61, Jan. 1.	Stow.	"
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 11.	'72, Sept. 3.	Westford.	Pastor.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'59, May 3.	Westford	W. C.
John C. Hutchinson,	'59, Dec. 20.	'64, Mar. 1.	Richmond.	"
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	"
Henry A. Lounsbury,	'56, Feb. 15.	'70, May 10.	Shirley Vil'ge.	Pastor.
Leonard Luce,	'29, April 8.	'29, July 21.	Westford.	W. C.
William A. Mandell,	'42, April 2.	'56, Jan. 1.	Cambridge.	Life Ins. Agent.
George N. Marden,	'62, Oct. 9.	'63, May 5.	*Farmington, Me.*	Pas.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Teacher.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	Lunenburg.	Farmer.
William W. Parker,	'58, Dec. 28.	'66, Jan. 2.	West Boylston.	A. P.
George H. Pratt,	'66, Oct. 11.	'66, Nov. 7.	*Seabrook, N. H.*	"
Charles Rockwell,	'34, Sept. 23.	'71, Nov. 14.	Winchendon.	"
Leverett W. Spring,	'68, Apr. 16.	'68, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	Pastor.
George Trask,	'30, Sept. 15.	'56 Jan. 1.	"	Anti-Tobacco.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'73, May 6.	Fitchburg.	Pastor.
George Williams,	'65, Oct. 25.	'69, Jan. 5.	*Grass Lake, Mich.*	A.P.

XV. Middlesex Union, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	Pastor.
Henry D. Woodworth,	'60, Sept. 12.	'68, Mar. 3.	Cambridge.	Jeweller.

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — First Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Edwin R. Hodgman, Westford, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XVI. Norfolk, Organized May 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb.	'68, Apr. 28.	Groton.	Pastor.
L. Wheaton Allen,	'69, Oct. 13.	'71, Jan. 30.	*Greeley, Col.*	"
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'73, July 29.	Braintree.	A. P.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, Apr. 22.	'69, Apr. 27.	Beverly.	W. C.
Franklin P. Chapin,	'57, Nov. 17.	'74, Jan. 27.	N. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'66, Jan. 30.	*New York.*	Pastor of Presb'n Ch.
William M. Cornell, M. D., D. D., LL. D.,	'38, Jan. 12.	'72, Apr. 20.	Boston.	Editor.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Nov. 9.	'71, Apr. 25.	E. Bridgewater.	Past.
Benjamin Dodge,	'48.	'67, Jan. 29.	Wollaston Heights.	Insurance Agt.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'37, Nov. 24.	'38, Jan. 30.	Boston.	Evangelist.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'58, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	Supt. Sch.
Joshua Emery,	'35, May 15.	'38, Jan. 30.	No. Weymouth.	W.C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'72, July 30.	Abington.	Pastor.
Austin S. Garver,	'72, Oct. 31.	'74, Apr. 27.	Hingham.	"
Joseph C. Halliday,	'64, June 8.	'74, Apr. 27.	E. Weymouth.	A. P.
Joseph F. Jennison,	'57, Nov. 4.	'72, July 30.	Canton.	W. C.
Henry W. Jones,	'66, May 24.	'67, Jan. 29.	Swampscott.	"
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'66, July 31.	Randolph.	Pastor.
Charles M. Lamson,	'69, Aug. 5.	'71. Jan. 30.	Worcester.	"
Elbridge P. McElroy,	'71, Oct. 25.	'72, Jan. 30.	East Weymouth.	"
James McLean,	'59, Aug. 30.	'72, July 30.	No. Weymouth.	"
Robert G. S. McNeille,	'70, May 16.	'73, Apr. 29.	Brockton.	"
Lebbeus R. Phillips,	'41, July 29.	'41, Oct. 26.	Groton.	Farmer.
Samuel L. Rockwood,	'40, Mar. 11.	'40, July 28.	No. Weymouth.	A.P. at Hanson.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	'36, June 22.	'51, Jan.	Holbrook.	W. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'70, Feb. 25.	'71, Oct. 31.	West Medford.	"
George W. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'71, July 25.	So. Weymouth.	Past.
Henry A. Stevens,	'61, Sept. 12.	'72, Jan. 30.	Brighton.	Pastor.
Moody A. Stevens,	'61, Dec. 9.	'71, Oct. 31.	Cohasset.	"
Albert K. Teele,	'54, July 15.	'52, Apr.	Milton.	"
John Thompson,	'63, Sept. 23.	'73, Apr. 29.	South Abington.	"

XVI. NORFOLK, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'72, July 30.	No. Weymouth.	Pas.
Daniel W. Waldron,	'67, Apr. 3.	'68, Oct. 27.	Boston.	City Miss.
Horace D. Walker,	'44, Feb. 15.	'45, Jan. 28.	Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Thomas Wilson,	'48, Mar. 1.	'56, April.	Stoughton.	"
Charles W. Wood,	'39, Oct. 29	'58, Apr. 27.	Campello.	W. C.

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Louis B. Voorhees, North Weymouth, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVII. OLD COLONY, ORGANIZED AUGUST 18, 1810.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Homer Barrows,	'36, June 1.	'53, Oct. 26.	Andover.	W. C.
Daniel C. Burt,	'35, July 1.	'35, July 28.	New Bedford.	"
Timothy F. Clary,	'49, Dec. 12.	'64, July 20.	Mattapan.	Ins. Agent.
Nathaniel Cobb,	'27, Oct. 31.	'51, Apr. 30.	Kingston.	Evangelist.
[Tristram R. Dennison,	*Not ordained.*	'72, June 11.	New Bedford.	City Missionary.]
Henry M. Dexter, D. D.,	'44, Nov. 6.	'74, Feb. 17.	New Bedford.	Editor of *Congregationalist.*
Isaac Dunham,	'35, Mar. 29.	'63, Oct. 20.	Bridgewater.	A. P.
William B. Hammond,	'44, June 5.	'70, Dec. 20.	Acushnet.	Pastor in New Bedford.
J. Lambdin Harris,	'60, Sept. 20.	'73, July 1.	Grantville.	Pastor.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	'68, Nov. 12.	'73, July 1.	Fairhaven.	"
Charles A. Kingsbury,	'72, Nov. 14.	'72, June 11.	Marion.	"
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'66, Feb. 20.	So. Dartmouth.	"
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'65, Dec. 19.	Rockland.	W. C.
Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	'53, Dec. 27.	'64, July 20.	New Bedford.	Pastor.
Edward G. Smith,	'71, Apr. 13.	'73, July 1.	Mattapoisett.	"
Isaiah C. Thacher,	'44, Dec. 25.	'45, Apr. 29.	Wareham.	"

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Wednesdays in February, June, August, and December, and third Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. Charles A. Kingsbury, Marion, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XVIII. PLYMOUTH, ORGANIZED MAY 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James Aiken,	'43, Aug. 30.	'59, Aug. 16.	Charlestown.	A. P.
Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	'43, Nov. 5.	'58, May 18.	Marshfield.	Pastor.
Cyrus W. Allen,	'33, Oct. 6.	'71, May 16.	Hanover.	A. P.
David Bremner,	'55, May 2.	'66, May 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, Sept. 18.	'73, Feb. 18.	Chiltonville.	Pastor.
Samuel W. Cozzens, D. D.,	'32, Aug. 8.	'70, Aug. 16.	Readville.	W. C.
William A. Fobes,	'55, Nov. 8.	'66, Nov. 20.	Chesterfield.	A. P.

XVIII. PLYMOUTH, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ebenezer Gay,	'18, Jan. 7.	'64, Feb. 16.	Bridgewater.	Chap.
Ephraim N. Hidden,	'41, Sept. 1.	'73, Aug. 19.	Middleborough.	A. P.
William W. Livingston,	'60, Apr. 27.	'73, Aug. 19.	Carver.	Pastor.
William W. Lyle,	'50, Sept. 1.	'74, May 19.	Duxbury.	"
Joseph Peckham,	'42, Nov. 30.	'42, Nov. 30.	Kingston.	A. P.
Baalis Sanford,	'27, Oct. 4.	'58, Aug. 17.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Enoch Sanford,	'23, Oct. 2.	'58, Nov. 30.	Raynham.	"
Benjamin Southworth,	'59, Feb. 24.	'61, Feb. 19.	*Wells, Me.*	
Timothy D. P. Stone,	'43, Mar. 4.	'72, Feb. 20.	Hanover.	A. P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'70, May 17.	Plymouth.	Pastor.
Philip Titcomb,	'49, Apr. 7.	'69, May 18.	Plympton.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Cyrus W. Allen, Hanover, Moderator; Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Marshfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XIX. SALEM, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 15, 1840.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Milton P. Braman, D. D.,	'26, Apr. 12.	'50, Oct. 15.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Levi Brigham,	'37, Mar. 15.	'50, Oct. 29.	*Troy, N. H.*	A. P.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'66, Sept. 3.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
Alexander C. Childs,	'53, May 18.	'67, Nov. 12.	*W. Charleston, Vt.*	
William S. Coggin,	'38, May 9.	'50, Oct. 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
Albert H. Currier,	'62, Dec. 3.	'65, Mar. 6.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Stephen R. Dennen, D.D.,	'55, July 11.	'73, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	"
James H. Fitts,	'59, Nov. 2.	'71, July 11.	Topsfield.	"
Lucien H. Frary,	'69, Oct. 7.	'70, Mar. 8.	Middleton.	"
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept.	'68, Nov. 10.	Boxford.	"
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'69, July 13.	Manchester.	"
Francis Homes,	'54, Oct. 29.	'66, May 1.	Cochessett.	Teacher.
Henry W. Jones,	'66, May 24.	'71, Nov. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 3.	'70, Jan. 16.	*E. Portland, Or.*	A. P.
Edward A. Lawrence, D. D.,	'39, May 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Marblehead.	W. C.
Anson McLoud,	'41, Dec. 8.	'50, Oct. 15.	Topsfield.	"
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'73, Sept. 9.	Gloucester.	Pastor.
D. Dana Marsh,	'68, Sept.	'69, Mar. 9.	Georgetown.	"
D. Allen Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'70, Nov. 1.	Essex.	"
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	"
John S. Sewall,	'59, Apr. 20.	'59, Apr. 12.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof. Coll.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'55, May 8.	*Brunswick, Me.*	"
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'62, Mar. 7.	Barre.	Pastor.
Edward P. Tenney,	'59, Oct. 19.	'65, May 2.	Ashland.	A. P.
James M. Whiton, PH. D.,	'65, May 10.	'65, Nov. 7.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	"

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Middleton, Scribe.

XX. SUFFOLK NORTH, ORGANIZED JULY 2, 1822.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward Abbott,	'63, July 28.	'65, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	Ed. *Cong.*
George E. Allen,	'58, May 20.	'58, Sept. 28.	East Somerville.	W.C.
Marcus Ames,	'54, June 28.	'61, June 18.	Lancaster.	Chap. State Indust. School.
Rufus Anderson, D. D.,	'26, May 10.	'27, Dec. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Abijah R. Baker, D. D.,	'38, Apr. 25.	'38, Aug. 29.	Dorchester.	"
William Barrows, D. D.,	'45, Sept. 4.	'50, Sept. 23.	Reading.	Sec. Mass. Home Miss. Soc.
Charles C. Beaman,	'39, June 25.	'68, Apr. 21.	Cambridge.	W. C.
George W. Blagden, D. D.,	'27, Dec. 25.	'28, Oct. 28.	Boston.	"
John K. Browne.	'72, Oct. 16.	'73, Feb. 18.	Cambridgeport.	Past.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Apr. 23.	'69, Oct. 19.	Everett.	W. C.
Asa Bullard,	'32, Jan. 13.	'35, Oct. 27.	Cambridgeport.	Sec'y Cong. Pub. Soc.
William Bushnell, M. D.,	'32, Aug. 8.	'42, Dec. 27.	Boston.	Physician.
N. George Clark, D. D.,	'57, Oct.	'66, June 19.	West Roxbury.	Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.
Dorus Clarke, D. D.,	'23, Feb. 23.	'42, Oct. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Christopher Cushing, D. D.,	'40, Feb. 7.	'68, June 9.	Cambridge.	Sec. Am. Cong. Union.
Francis F. Ford,	'57, Oct. 5.	'73, Feb. 18.	Charlestown.	Pastor.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'73, Dec. 16.	Chelsea.	"
Stedman W. Hanks,	'40, Mar. 20.	'70, Sept. 20.	Cambridge.	Sec. Sea. Friend Soc.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'44, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	A. P.
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	Pastor.
William S. Hubbell,	'68, Jan. 30.	'72, Dec. 17.	East Somerville.	"
William S. Karr,	'54, Sept. 26.	'73, Feb. 18.	Cambridgeport.	"
Isaac P. Langworthy,	'41, Nov. 10.	'42, Oct. 25.	Chelsea.	Sec. Am. Cong. Ass'n.
George R. Leavitt,	'65, Mar. 29.	'70, Sept. 20.	Cambridgeport.	Past.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, Apr. 16.	Cambridge.	"
Jacob M. Manning, D. D.,	'54, Jan. 3.	'74, Apr. 21.	Boston.	"
David O. Mears,	'67, Oct. 2.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Cambridge.	"
James B. Miles, D D.,	'55, Jan. 2.	'56, Feb. 26.	Boston.	Sec. Am. Peace Soc.
Ebenezer Newhall,	'23, Dec. 17.	'66, Apr. 17.	Cambridgeport.	W.C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'59, Feb. 22.	Boston Highl'ds.	Past.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	"
Francis G. Pratt,	'49, Oct. 19.	'50, Feb. 26.	Middleboro'.	W. C.
Theophilus P. Sawin,	'43, Apr. 19.	'70, Apr. 19.	Revere.	A. P.

XX. SUFFOLK NORTH, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'74, Feb. 17.	Boston.	A. P.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'74, Apr. 21.	Charlestown.	Chap. State Prison.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	Haverhill.	W. C.
Edward P. Thwing,	'58, Sept. 22.	'68, Apr. 21.	*Portland, Me.*	
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'72, Oct. 15.	Charlestown.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated,
Edward C. Ingalls,	1873, June 10.
Daniel W. Kilburn,	1872, Feb. 20.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, September, October, and December.

Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXI. SUFFOLK SOUTH, ORGANIZED JANUARY 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frederic R. Abbe,	'57, Sept. 3.	'73, May 13.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Nehemiah Adams, D. D.,	'39, Dec. 17.	'35, Jan. 6.	Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund K. Alden, D. D.,	'50, Jan. 2.	'60, Jan. 3.	South Boston.	"
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, Apr. 30.	'63, May 19.	Norwood.	A. P.
Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	'45, Oct. 27.	'57, Nov. 3.	Arlington.	Pastor.
Joseph B. Clark,	'61, Oct. 10.	'73, Nov. 11.	Jamaica Plain.	"
William B. Clarke,	'55, May 4.	'71, Oct. 31.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Perley B. Davis,	'61, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Hyde Park.	Pastor.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Jonathan Edwards,	'48, Sept. 7.	'63, May 19.	Dedham.	W. C.
William B. Greene,	'55, Nov. 15.	'61, Nov. 15.	Needham.	"
B. Frank Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Bost. Highl'ds.	Pastor.
Henry B. Hooker, D. D.,	'25, Oct. 10.	'58, Nov. 9.	Boston.	Sec.
Benjamin Labaree, D. D.,	'31, Sept. 26.	'71, May 2.	West Roxbury.	W. C.
James H. Means, D. D.	'48, July 13.	'68, Jan. 7.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
John O. Means, D. D.,	'51, Dec. 3.	'57, Oct. 6.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Charles L. Mills,	'38.	'68, Mar. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	A. P.
Henry M. Parsons,	'54, Nov. 15.	'71, Mar. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.
Francis B. Perkins,	'60, Feb. 15.	'65, Jan. 3.	Grantville.	Dis. Sec. Am. Tract Soc.
Edward A. Rand,	'65, Mar. 2.	'67, Nov. 12.	South Boston.	Pastor.
Edward Strong, D. D.,	'42, Dec. 14.	'72, Nov. 12.	West Roxbury.	"
Augustus C. Thompson, D. D.,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Bost. Highlands.	"
Selah B. Treat,	'36, Mar. 24.	'44, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Guy Van De Kreeke,	'73, Feb. 20.	'73, May 13.	Bost. Highl'ds.	Pastor.

Licentiates. — William Hamilton, approbated 1873, September 9.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. B. Frank Hamilton, Boston Highlands, Scribe and Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXII. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Daniel Butler,	'38, Oct. 13.	'68, Apr. 7.	Waverley.	Sec. Mass. Bible Society.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	Pastor.
Samuel H. Dana,	'72, Oct. 9.	'72, Dec. 10.	Newton Highl'ds.	"
James R. Danforth,	'68, Jan. 2.	'73, Apr. 8.	*Philadelphia, Pa.*	
John DeWitt,	'65, June 9.	'70, Feb. 22.	Boston.	Pastor.
Daniel L. Furber, D. D.,	'47, Dec. 1.	'67, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	"
James M. Hubbard,	'62, July 23.	'69, Apr. 13.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Samuel E. Lowry,	'67, Feb. 21.	'69, Oct. 12.	No. Vill., Newton.	Pastor.
Daniel P. Noyes,	'49, Apr. 18.	'67, Feb. 6.	Pigeon Cove.	A. P.
David T. Packard,	'54, Sept. 21.	'67, Apr. 2.	*Los Angeles, Cal.*	
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	West Newton.	Pastor.
Elnathan E. Strong,	'59, Apr. 10.	'67, Apr. 8.	Waltham.	"
Increase N. Tarbox, D. D.,	'42, Nov. 22.	'67, Apr. 2.	W. Newton.	Sec. Am. Ed. Soc.
John E. Todd,	'60, Feb. 2.	'67, Apr. 2.	*N. Haven, Ct.*	Pastor.
Josiah W. Turner,	'37, Apr. 19.	'69, Dec. 21.	Maplewood.	A. P.
Israel P. Warren, D. D.,	'42, Apr. 20.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newton Cen.	Editor.
Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Pastor.
Joshua W. Wellman, D. D.,	'51, June 18.	'67, Jan. 8.	Malden.	"
John Whitney,	'34, Oct. 15.	'74, Feb. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin P. Wilson,	'71, Jan. 26.	'72, Dec. 10.	Watertown.	Pastor.
Charles L. Woodward,	'49, Nov. 7.	'71, Oct. 10.	Watertown.	Sec. Am. Miss. Asso.
William B. Wright,	'62, Dec. 2.	'68, Apr. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.

Nov. 21, 1872, Mr. Harrison Prescott, of Newton Centre, was unanimously approved by the Association "as a Lay Preacher and Helper," and in this capacity commended to the churches.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesdays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin Cutler, Auburndale, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIII. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William W. Adams, D. D.,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	Pastor.
Samuel Bell,	'69, Sept. 1.	'73, Apr. 9.	Attleborough.	"
Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	'39, Dec. 24.	'56, July 29.	Taunton.	"
Michael Burnham,	'70, Oct. 25.	'71, Jan. 11.	Fall River.	"
Nelson Clark,	'44, July 16.	'69, Nov. 10.	Rochester.	W. C.
Leander S. Coan,	'63, June 18.	'72, Nov. 7.	Fall River.	City Miss.
William H. Cutler,	'65, Dec. 20.	'73, Jan. 11.	Assonet.	Pastor.
Ebenezer Dawes,	'64, Sept. 8.	'60, Nov. 20.	Dighton.	A. P.
H. Morton Dexter,	'73, Apr. 30.	'73, Nov. 11.	Whittenton.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	'68, Nov. 10.	'73, Apr. 9.	Middleborough.	"

XXIII. TAUNTON, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John W. Haley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'69, Nov. 10.		
Ephraim N. Hidden,	'41, Sept. 1.	'74, Jan. 13.	Middleborough.	A. P.
Hartford P. Leonard,	'63, June 23.	'66, Mar. 27.	Westport.	Pastor.
Erastus Maltby,	'24, Sept. 29.	'26, Nov. 21.	Taunton.	"
Stephen M. Newman,	'71, Oct. 17.	'73, Jan. 11.	Taunton.	"
Frederick A. Reed,	'48, Mar. 9.	'68, Apr. 21.	East Taunton.	A. P.
Thomas T. Richmond,	'32, July 17.	'61, Mar. 26.	West Taunton.	Pastor.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	West Attleboro'.	A.P.

Licentiate. — William C. Peckham, approbated 1874, January 13.

TIMES OF MEETING. — Second Tuesdays (and Wednesdays) in January, April, and November.

Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXIV. WOBURN, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Albert G. Bale,	'68, Dec. 4.	'69, Jan. 25.	Melrose.	Pastor.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, Apr. 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	"
Elias Chapman,	'45, Oct. 6.	'69, Apr. 21.	North Reading.	W. C.
Edward Chase,	'63, Jan. 8.	'70, Nov. 15.	Bedford.	Pastor.
John W. Chickering, D. D.,	'30, June 6.	'67, Oct. 15.	Wakefield.	Sec.S.T.U.
Solon Cobb,	'64, Oct. 11.	'72, Jan. 16.	Medford.	W. C.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'66, Jan. 16.	Lunenburg.	Pastor.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'71, Jan. 17.	Chelsea.	"
Henry M. Grout,	'58, Sept. 1.	'73, July 15.	Concord.	A. P.
Webster Hazlewood,	'69, May 5.	'72, Nov. 16.	Stoneham.	Pastor.
Edward P. Hooker,	'61, Nov. 13.	'62, May 20.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	"
Edwin L. Jaggar,	'62, Mar. 17.	'73, Mar. 18.	West Medford.	"
Henry S. Kelsey,	'63, Oct. 28.	'73, May 20.	Woburn.	"
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'73, Jan. 21.	North Reading.	
Robert F. Lawrence,	'34, Jan. 29.	'69, Nov. 16.	Malden.	W. C.
George Lewis,	'65, Dec. 12.	'66, July 17.	*Gorham, Me.*	"
James T. McCollom,	'41, Apr. 7.	'66, Oct. 6.	Medford.	Pastor.
Moses Patten,	'60, June 7.	'70, Nov. 15.	Carlisle.	"
William H. Pierson,	'68, June 1.	'73, May 20.	No. Somerville.	"
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'71, May 16.	Groton.	"
Henry A. Stevens,	'61, Sept. 12.	'61, Nov. 19.	Brighton.	"
Leander Thompson,	'38, Nov. 30.	'71, Sept. 19.	No. Woburn.	W. C.
William A. Thompson,	'68, Sept. 20.	'72, Mar. 19.	Reading.	Pastor.
[Charles A. G. Thurston,	*Licentiate.*	'73, Mar. 18.	Greenwood.	S. S.]
William H. Willcox,	'51, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Reading.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Joshua Buffum,	1862, March 18.
Charles Manning,	1866, April 7.
Edward P. Smith,	1872, Jan'y 16.

XXIV. WOBURN, — *Continued.*

TIMES OF MEETING. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Albert G. Bale, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

XXV. WORCESTER CENTRAL, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel S. Ashley,	'49, Aug. 1.	'52, Nov. 3.	*New Orleans, La.*	Pres. Univ.
Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	'41, Aug. 25.	'69, May 4.	Southborough.	W. C.
Willard Child, D. D.,	'27, April.	'64, Nov. 14.	*Crown Pt, N. Y.*	
De Witt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'69, May 4.	Clinton.	Pastor.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, Apr. 21.	'67, July 7.	Leicester.	"
Joseph Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	W. Boylston.	W. C.
Henry Cummings,	'51, July 16.	'67, Feb. 4.	Rutland.	
Preston Cummings,	'25, Aug. 23.	'52, July 6.	Leicester.	W. C.
Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	'50, Mar. 6.	'56, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	Pastor.
E. Porter Dyer,	,39, Sept. 25.	'70.	Shrewsbury.	"
Stacy Fowler,	'62, Sept.	'68, July 14.	Millbury.	"
L. Ives Hoadly,	'23, Oct. 15.			
William A. Houghton,	'43, July 5.	'43, Nov. 7.	Berlin.	Pastor.
Wilbur Johnson,	'65, Oct. 3.	'71, Nov. 14.	W. Boylston.	"
Charles M. Lamson,	'69, Aug. 5.	'73, May 6.	Worcester.	"
Abijah P. Marvin,	'44, June 10.	'72, May 7.	Lancaster.	"
Lucian D. Mears,	'71, Nov. 8.	'71, Nov. 14.	Sterling.	"
Rodney A. Miller,	'27, June 7.	'27, Aug. 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
William P. Paine, D. D.,	'33, Oct. 24.	'34.	Holden.	Pastor.
George W. Phillips,	'64, Oct. 12.	'74, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	"
William Phipps,	'40, Nov. 11.	'41, Aug. 3.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	"
Miner G. Pratt,	'28, Oct. 22.	'37, May 2.	Andover.	Agent.
Merrill Richardson, D. D.,	'41, Oct. 28.	'59, Mar. 1.	Milford.	Pastor.
A. Hastings Ross,	'61, Oct. 17.	'63, Jan. 6.	*Columbus, Ohio.*	"
George E. Sanborne,	'57, Jan. 1.	'68.	*Hartford, Ct.*	Chapl'n.
William H. Sanford,	'32, Oct. 17.	'33, Aug. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Roger M. Sargent,	'52, Apr. 27.		*Illinois.*	
Royal B. Stratton,	'48.	'67, May 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	'36, Nov. 23.	'39, May 7.	Worcester.	Pastor.
Nathan W. Williams,	'49, Feb. 28.	'49, Aug. 7.	*Providence, R.I.*	W.C.
John H. Windsor,	'58, Dec. 22.	'70.	Grafton.	Pastor.
Isaac R. Worcester,	'37, Sept. 27.	'47, Jan. 5.	Auburndale.	Ed.M.H.

Licentiates. — None.

TIMES OF MEETING. — First Tuesdays in February and May, and second Tuesdays in July and November.

Rev. Abijah P. Marvin, Lancaster, Moderator; Rev. George W. Phillips, Worcester, Scribe.

XXVI. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
L. Payson Broad,	'73, Sept. 3.	'73, Oct. 21.	Baldwinsville.	A. P.
Josiah D. Crosby,	'37, Oct. 4.	'46, Nov. 10.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
John P. Cushman,	'60, May 29.	'71, July 18.	*Troy, N. Y.*	
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'68, Oct. 13.	Athol.	Pastor.
William W. Dow,	'66, May 23.	'72, Apr. 23.	Winchendon.	W. C.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	Pastor.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	A. P.
Charles F. Morse,	'56, Aug. 13.	'71, July 18.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Jan. 16.	'71, July 18.	Ashburnham.	A. P.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'69, Oct. 5.	Andover.	W. C.
Moody A. Stevens,	'62, Dec. 9.	'68, July 14.	Cohasset.	Pastor.
John M. Stowe,	'55, Jan. 31.	'71, Jan. 10.	Hubbardston.	Pastor.
Abijah Stowell,	'44, Sept. 18.	'53, Jan. 11.	Erving.	A. P.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'73, Oct. 21.	Templeton.	Pastor.

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesday in January, fourth Tuesday in April, second Tuesday in July, first Tuesday in October.

Rev. Temple Cutler, Athol, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

XXVII. Worcester South, Organized 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Alvan J. Bates,	'49, Sept. 27.	'69, Jan. 12.	Saundersville.	Pastor.
Thomas C. Biscoe,	'38, July 18.	'39, Apr. 9.	Uxbridge.	"
William T. Briggs,	'46, Nov. 4.	'66, July 10.	East Douglas.	"
Heman P. DeForest,	'67, Dec. 18.	'72, Jan. 9.	Westborough.	"
Franklin E. Fellows,	'58, Dec. 15.	'70, Apr. 12.	*Griswold, Ct.*	A. P.
Stacy Fowler,	'62, Sept.	'69, July 13.	Millbury.	Pastor.
James E. Hall,	'67, Feb. 27.	'67, July 9.	*Rockland, Me.*	"
Joseph C. Halliday,	'64, June 8.	'72, Oct. 8.	E. Weymouth.	A. P.
Thomas S. Norton,	'46, Feb. 4.	'69, July 13.	Cohasset.	"
Josiah W. C. Pike,	'63, Jan. 14.	'73, Jan. 14.	Douglas.	W. C.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	Pastor.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	"
Hiram A. Tracy,	'35, Jan. 1.	'71, Oct. 17.	Sutton.	A. P.
James Wells,	'49, Apr. 1.	'72, Oct. 8.	Northbridge.	"
John H. Windsor,	'58, Dec. 22.	'69, Apr. 13.	Grafton.	Pastor.
John E. M. Wright,	'52, Oct. 28.	'73, Apr. 8.	Upton.	"

Licentiates. — None.

Times of Meeting. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October,

Rev. Heman P. DeForest, Westborough, Scribe.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. The following tables contain the name of all the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, each in its own county. The counties are arranged in alphabetical order. Towns in each county are arranged alphabetically; churches in each town, according to age; and of each church, (1) its town, (2) its name (if it have a peculiar one), which is always followed by "ch.," (3) its locality in the town when that locality has a name distinct from the town; when the name of a church *follows* the name of a locality subordinate to the town, it shows that the church has a distinct number in that subdivision of the town, or it is evidently needed for clearness.

2. Churches organized since the close of the statistical year (Dec. 31, 1873), are not inserted in the county tables or included in the summaries; but are given with the list of new churches.

3. The contracted headings to the columns of figures are more fully given with the Summary.

4. The column specifying Ministers is corrected up to the time of publication. Church members are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1874. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1873. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sabbath School" includes total membership of teachers and scholars Jan. 1, 1874, or when the school is in successful operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools" and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church; and the "average" attendance for the year 1873.

5. The months and days, in the dates of the organization of churches, are this year omitted. They will be found in last year's publication,—those of churches organized since being given in the list of new churches.

6. "Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry "by the laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate. "A. P." denotes "Acting pastor."

7. All *Post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and *not* in the tables. For churches, see "Index of Towns."

8. In no instance is the report of any church in these Statistics copied from the returns of previous years. But there is included in the *totals* of each county a careful estimate of the numbers in any unreporting church, if there be such; and also the occasionally missing items of "absent," and "average attendance" in Sabbath Schools,—which are assumed to be, in each case, equivalent to the average percentage of their county.

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THE CHURCHES, BY COUNTIES.

1. BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Barnstable, West,	1616	Henry A. Goodhue,	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	10	46	62	6	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	72	55	$116.81
" Centreville,	1840	Edmund Squire,	1867, Nov. 13	1869, *A. p.*	25	74	99	20	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	72	51	97.98
" Hyannis,	1854	None.			3	10	13	0	4	0	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	115	55	5.00
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	22	77	99	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	169	70	
Dennis, South,	1817	William C. Reed,	1870, Feb. 10	1870, Feb. 10	26	77	103	14	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	95	65	80.00
" North,	1866	[J. H. Allen, *Meth. Lic.*]			12	34	46	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	40	
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, Oct. 24	58	144	202	43	2	0	2	9	5	0	14	2	0	180	125	800.00
" East,	1821	David Perry,	1828, May.	1872, *A. p.*	30	45	75	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	45	177.00
" North,	1833	James Aiken,	1843, Aug. 30	1873, *A. p.*	41	44	85	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	50	35.00
" Waquoit,	1849	James R. Cushing,	1829, Aug. 12	1871, *A. p*	29	75	104	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	45	35	
Harwich,	1747	Bradish C. Ward,	1860, Apr. 5	1873, *A. p.*	11	28	39	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	112	73	25.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1873, *A. p.*	13	39	52	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	80	100.00
Orleans,	1719	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	22	92	114	12	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	150	100	171.66
Provincetown,	1714	None.			14	56	70	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	140	65	200.00
Sandwich,	1639	Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May.	1871, *A. p.*	43	115	158	48	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	75	90.00
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	24	52	76	10	5	0	5	5	2	0	7	2	2	90	70	75.00
" North,	1842	[Isaac Sherman, *Meth.*]		1874, *A. p.*	3	13	16	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	45	10.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730	Emory G. Chaddock,	1860, Mar.	1874, June 3	79	113	192	30	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	130	72	30.00
" 2d ch., South,	1833	William Leonard,	1844, July 7	1872, *A. p*	34	64	98	16	10	1	11	3	1	0	4	8	0	153	60	144.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	43	103	146	20	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	2	156	112	419.54
" West,	1840	John F. Norton,	1844, Oct. 23	1873, *A. p.*	3	11	14	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	28	
TOTAL: 21 churches.					551	1312	1863	291	27	10	37	50	26	1	77	14	8	2234	1371	$2,576.99

2. BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827	Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27	1871, Dec. 7	130	230	360	34	49	8	57	3	7	0	10	26	8	320	220	$1,390.62
" South,	1840	Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	46	103	149	35	8	14	22	8	7	0	15	1	8	240	160	500.00
Alford,	1846	Joseph F. Swallow,	1848, July 18	1873, *A. p.*	4	9	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	50	0.00
Becket, 1st ch.,	1758	Ezekiel Dow,	1845, Feb. 12	1872, *A. p.*	19	28	47	21	0	3	3	8	10	0	13	0	0	35	25	30.00
" North,	1849	None.			40	59	99	25	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	1	65	43	112.71
Dalton,	1785	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	26	43	69	8	2	6	8	1	1	0	2	0	0	76	58	112.07
Egremont, South,	1816	Nordiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26	1872, *A. p.*	45	89	134	26	6	4	10	1	3	0	4	2	2	162	88	384.80
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743	Evarts Scudder.	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	66	148	214	20	4	1	5	5	2	1	8	3	2	241	140	1,017.28
" Housatonic,	1841	Charles W. Mallory,	1874, June 18	1874, June 18	36	53	89	17	5	3	8	3	6	0	9	4	0	99	56	225.38
Hinsdale,	1795	Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	1867, Sept. 19	1867, Sept. 19	81	132	213	45	8	1	9	1	8	0	9	4	1	170	109	1,574.23
Lanesborough,	1764	James A. Clark,	1838.	1873, *A. p.*	5	15	20	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	60	15.00
Lee,	1780	Nahum Gale, D. D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	138	269	407	57	13	5	18	9	11	1	21	3	5	330	235	4,855.00
Lenox,	1769	Charles H. Parkhurst,	1874, May 14	1874, May 14	55	114	169	39	0	4	4	6	5	0	11	0	0	130	75	241.03
Monterey,	1750	Daniel D. T. McLaughlin,	1846, Apr. 16	1873, *A. p.*	29	72	101	28	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	2	140	80	95.98
New Marlboro', 1st ch.,	1744	Sullivan F. Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	20	89	118	26	8	2	10	1	0	0	1	6	2	165	80	246.84
" Southfield,	1794	Samuel R. Free,	1869, Apr. 11	1873, Feb. 4	12	24	36	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	40	30	0.00
" Mill River,	1871	Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20	1872, Sept. 10	21	47	68	4	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	4	0	82	66	114 08
Otis,	1779	Irem W. Smith.	1858, Aug. 18	1873, Sept. 3	12	45	57	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	75	4.00
Peru,	1770	Hiram W. Gilbert,	1841, Oct. 20	1869, Feb. 2	45	65	110	9	5	0	5	2	4	0	6	3	0	165	97	114.07
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764	Edward O. Bartlett,	1863, Sept. 14	1873, Jan. 1	127	319	446	58	16	32	48	5	10	0	15	6	16	545	390	6,595.00
" 2d ch.,	1846	Samuel Harrison,	1850, Aug. 13	1872, *A. p.*	10	28	38	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	25	9.75
" South ch.,	1850	Thomas Crowther,	1867, Aug. 6	1872, May 22	98	274	372	30	24	17	41	3	15	0	18	4	4	155	136	1,006.96
Richmond,	1765	[L. W. Curtis, *Presb.*]	1842,	1869, *A. p.*	24	50	74	11	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	57	73.05
Sandisfield,	1756	[A. M. Sherman, *Meth.*]		1873, *A. p.*	30	56	86	18	3	1	4	1	*0	0	1	0	0	72	50	14 00
Sheffield,	1735	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29	1869, Dec. 29	32	100	132	14	2	0	2	3	5	0	8	0	1	143	80	433.04
Stockbridge,	1734	None.			57	162	219	20	0	1	1	8	5	0	11	0	0	207	150	1,499.77
" Curtisville,	1824	[Albert Nash, *Meth.*]		1872, *A. p.*	19	35	54	18	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	70	50	102.83
Washington, Un. ch.	1772	None.			4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
W. Stockbridge, Centre,	1789	Lewis Pennell (*retired*),	1833, Sept. 17	1854, Dec. 6	14	27	41	8	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	30	20	21.00
" Village,	1833	None.			30	70	100	10	1	1	2	1	7	0	8	1	0	130	70	150.00
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765	Albert C. Sewall,	1871, Oct. 13	1873, Feb. 26	138	201	339	121	8	5	13	5	1	0	6	7	3	122	94	320.68
" College ch.,	1834	Mark Hopkins D. D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	25	5	30	17	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	284.52
" 2d ch., South,	1836	Edward H. Griffin,	1868, Feb. 6	1872, *A. p.*	16	22	38	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	20	
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772	None.			13	13	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	60	
TOTAL: 34 churches.					1476	2999	4475	778	168	119	287	84	116	2	202	76	56	4428	2949	21,553.19

* Dropped sixty-seven names.

3. BRISTOL COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Attleboro', 1st ch. West,	1712	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1869, *A. p.*	14	71	95	22	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	87	61	$96 04
" 2d ch. East,	1748	Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1	1872, Dec. 18	57	171	228	13	10	2	12	6	0	0	6	7	1	270	205	782.12
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737	Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1873, *A. p.*	52	77	129	21	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	115	75	82.50
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	21	46	67	13	17	1	18	2	0	0	2	12	0	127	81	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710	Ebenezer Dawes,	1864, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	35	58	93	19	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	100	50	114.65
Easton,	1745	Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19,	1873, *A. p.*	37	95	132	35	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	0	184	82	104.49
Fairhaven,	1794	Winfield S. Hawkes,	1868, Nov. 12	1873, June 25	49	153	202	38	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	1	175	131	206.42
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816	Wm. W. Adams, D. D.,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	53	160	213	66	5	1	6	3	0	0	3	2	4	457	335	2,394.82
" Central ch.,	1842	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	120	205	325	40	9	10	19	11	12	0	23	5	5	1050	705	2.895.24
Freetown, Assonet,	1807	William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20	1872, Dec. 17	20	35	55	9	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	1	1	71	50	108.96
Mansfield,	1838	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26	1856, Mar. 26	41	79	120	10	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	0	1	252	175	113.87
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	13	35	48	22	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	75	55	65 00
" North ch.	1807	Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	121	288	409	86	5	9	14	5	2	0	7	4	11	402	247	2,910.00
" Trin. ch.,	1831	Matthew C. Julien,	1872, Dec. 11	1872, Dec. 11	60	100	160		3	0	3	1	3	0	4	2	2	311		588.29
" Pacific ch.	1844	None.			48	140	188	30	9	2	11	3	6	0	9	4	1	229	151	388.16
Norton,	1832	Timothy Atkinson,	1832, Oct.	1872, *A. p.*	29	92	121	45	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	50	592.51
Raynham,	1731	Asa Mann,	1844, June 19	1873, Dec. 30	46	101	147	37	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	100	90	134.04
Rehoboth,	1721	Isaac R. Prior,	1872, May 19	1873, *A. p.*	49	80	129	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	180	110	93.98
Seekonk & E. Prov. R. I.	1643	Hiram E. Johnson,	1859, Jan. 25	1872, *A. p.*	71	104	175	37	4	0	4	6	1	0	7	2	0	160	130	278 24
Somerset,	1861	Edward J. Giddings,	1857, Oct. 19	1873, *A. p.*	20	29	49	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	50	26.10
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637	Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17	1860, May 16	32	76	108		0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	100	70	62.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.	1821	{ Erastus Maltby (*ret.*), { Stephen M. Newman,	1824, Sept. 29 1871, Oct. 17	1826, Jan. 18 { 1871, Oct. 17 }	101	262	363	81	16	4	20	6	11	0	17	9	1	225	160	1,383.98
" Winslow ch.,	1837	Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	67	144	211	38	2	7	9	3	2	0	5	2	3	317	167	
" Ev. Cong. ch. East,	1853	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1866, *A. p.*	7	24	31	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	60	100.00
" Un. ch. Whittenton,	1868	H. Morton Dexter,	1873, Apr. 30	1873, Apr. 30	28	50	78	10	2	3	5	1	6	0	7	0	0	225	160	0.00
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.	1858	Hartford P. Leonard,	1863, June 23	1868, June 30	7	24	31	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	64	65.00
TOTAL: 26 churches.					1208	2699	3907	770	102	55	157	66	53	0	119	58	41	5552	3746	13.586.41

4. DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700	None.			9	15	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25	$0.00
Edgartown,	1641	Ephraim N. Hidden,	1841, Sept. 1	1874, *A. p.*	30	72	102	9	5	0	5	0	3	0	3	4	0	60	50	40.00
Tisbury, 1st ch , West,	1673	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p.*	35	39	74	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	85	75	40.00
TOTAL: 3 churches.					74	126	200	14	5	1	6	1	3	0	4	4	0	174	150	80 00

5. ESSEX COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members. Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amesbury, West,	1726	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	95	178	273	14	3	3	6	2	4	0	6	2	1	330	190	$1,300.00
" Mills,	1831	Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 4	1871, Dec. 27	55	154	209	38	12	7	19	1	1	0	2	8	5	270	150	375.00
Andover, South ch.,	1711	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 10	1861, Dec. 18	81	248	329	70	8	4	12	8	5	0	13	7	2	225	154	3,132.43
" West ch.,	1826	James H Merrill,	1839, Nov. 26	1856, Apr. 30	69	151	220	47	2	0	2	7	4	0	11	2	0	143	102	1,847.34
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846	George F. Wright,	1863, Aug. 26	1873, June 8	62	165	227	46	30	4	34	3	5	0	8	5	9	222	157	535.71
" Ballard Vale,	1854	Henry S. Greene.	1837, Dec. 27	1855, Apr. 6	11	46	57	8	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	0	5	90	75	114.00
" Theo.Sem.ch.,	1865	*Prof.* Park, and others,		*A. p.*	30	48	87	12	2	13	15	2	4	0	6	1	0	200	185	1,335.00
Beverly, 2d ch., North,	1715	Alexander J. Sessions,	1838, June 6	1872, *A. p.*	10	29	39	6	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	75	51	281.46
" Dane st. ch.,	1802	O. T. Lanphear, D.D.,	1849, Oct. 25	1867, Oct. 23	72	175	247	4	3	5	8	5	2	0	7	1	3	364	207	939.06
" Washington st.ch.,	1837	Benson M. Frink,	1862, Jan. 9	1873, Oct. 1	34	112	146	6	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	205	128	330.05
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702	Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	33	84	117	29	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	3	1	140	100	204.37
" West,	1736	None.			19	31	50	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	40	20.00
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24	1866, Jan. 11	113	234	347	30	1	3	4	5	6	0	11	0	1	507	325	959.00
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671	Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7	1863, Sept. 2	39	127	166	12	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	1	0	292	156	750.00
" Maple st. ch.,	1844	None.			86	210	296	26	13	1	14	2	7	0	9	.	.	378	249	500 00
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681	D. Allen Morehouse,	1865, June 18	1870, June 30	35	90	125	11	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	1	208	130	350.00
Georgetown,	1732	Charles Beecher, / Thomas K. Beeber,	1844, Nov. 9 / 1873, Jan. 30	1857, Nov. 19 / 1873, Jan. 30	43	118	161	37	7	2	9	3	0	0	3	5	0	200	125	244.37
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1864	D. Dana Marsh.	1868, Sept. 16	1868, Sept. 16	38	89	127	15	7	7	14	6	1	0	7	7	2	180	108	887.44
Gloucester, West,	1716	Nathaniel Richardson,	1838, Aug. 8	1874, *A. p.*	13	13	26	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	28	0.00
" Harbor, Ev. ch.	1829	F. Barrows Makepeace,	1873, June 19	1874, June 4	47	119	166	23	4	5	9	7	7	0	14	4	7	254	140	1,188.43
" Lanesville,	1830	William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28	1871, *A. p.*	33	58	91	9	2	6	8	2	2	1	5	1	1	170	93	118.74
Groveland,	1727	John C. Paine,	1838, June 6	1870 Apr. 20	33	87	120	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	180	100	211 00
Hamilton,	1714	Calvin G. Hill,	1872, Sept. 5	1872. Sept. 5	40	68	108	30	6	0	6	2	2	0	4	2	0	125	70	160.00
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843. May 17	1866. Nov. 8	58	80	138	27	2	0	2	2	0	1	3	1	0	136	83	498.12
" 4th ch.,	1744	James C. Seagrave.	1851, Dec. 3	1874, *A. p.*	5	16	21	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	74	51	15.00
" Centre ch.,	1833	Charles M. Hyde, D.D.,	1862, Aug. 19	1870, Nov. 15	59	176	235	22	5	2	7	8	3	1	12	5	2	261	169	1,255.38
" No. ch.,	1859	Raym'd H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July 5	1860, Aug. 8	87	204	291	29	5	4	9	5	9	0	14	3	2	433	235	4,078.00
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634	Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, Feb. 5	43	146	189	34	0	5	5	5	2	0	7	0	0	238	130	726.87
" South ch.,	1747	*No report.*																		
" and Rowley — Linebrook,	1749	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov. 5	1871, May 3	26	36	62	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	45	67.60
Lawrence, Law. st. ch.,	1847	Joshua Coit,	1860, Nov. 13	1874, May 13	143	314	457	130	12	9	21	1	5	0	6	5	5	300	215	2,300.00
" Central ch.,	1849	William E Park,	1867, Nov. 13	1867, Nov. 13	138	276	414	150	6	10	16	5	5	0	10	3	3	197	136	455.00
" Eliot ch.,	1865	Theodore T. Munger,	1856, Feb. 6	1871, June 14	32	73	105	25	2	6	8	2	0	0	2	1	8	147	105	1,079.00
" South ch.,	1868	Clark Carter,	1870, Apr. 27	1873, Jan. 30	25	40	65	6	6	4	10	0	2	0	2	5	5	150	120	182.00

5. ESSEX COUNTY — *Completed.*

Lynn, 1st ch.,	1632	Stephen R. Dennen, D.D.,	1855, July 11	1872, Nov. 13	62	167	229	15	14	25	39	3	2	0	5	1	9	302	165	$1.500.00
" Central ch.,	1850	Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3	1865, May 17	45	141	186	25	21	7	28	7	4	0	11	11	5	304	208	947.45
" Chestnut st. ch.,	1857	William A. Spaulding.	1870, Aug. 4	1874, *P. e.*	18	56	74	4	9	5	14	2	2	0	4	7	1	170	114	175.00
" North ch.,	1869	Jas. M. Winton, Pu. D.,	1865, May 10	1872, Feb. 13	30	83	113	10	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	8	220	121	434 15
Lynnfield, Cen. Av. ch.,	1720	None.			19	55	74	15	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	91	61	53.38
" 2d ch.,	1854	Jacob Hood,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, *A. p.*	4	15	19	5	4	1	5	0	7	0	7	4	0	50	30	17.50
Manchester, Or. Con. ch.,	1716	George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1	1869, Apr. 7	51	139	190	12	1	0	1	5	2	0	7	0	3	194	109	1,450.21
Marblehead, 1st ch.,	1684	John H. Williams,	1873, Sept. 10	1873, Sept. 10	40	158	198	15	0	3	3	8	1	0	9	0	1	275	200	275.00
" 3d ch.,	1858	None.			11	53	64	2	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	1	0	96	74	
Methuen, 1st ch.,	1723	Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14	1874, June 25	51	127	178	28	1	6	7	4	3	0	7	1	2	175	135	577.86
Middleton,	1729	Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7	1869, Oct. 7	41	101	142	9	5	2	7	2	4	0	6	1	0	160	110	263.55
Newbury, 1st ch.,	1635	Leon. Withington, D.D. / Omar W. Folsom,	1816, Oct. 31 / 1872, Oct. 31	1816, Oct. 31 / 1872, Oct. 31	38	130	168	31	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	1	3	165	125	556.37
" Byfield ch.,	1706	William S. Coggin,	1838, May 9	1868, *A. p.*	36	62	98	27	5	2	7	0	3	0	3	3	0	90	56	114.36
Newburyport, No'h ch.,	1768	None.			62	243	305	45	1	3	4	2	2	0	4	0	2	240	168	450.21
" 4th ch.,	1793	Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30	1837, Oct. 12	57	157	214		1	2	3	6	0	0	6	1	4	110	80	422.33
" Belleville,	1808	Daniel T. Fiske, D.D.,	1847, Aug. 18	1847, Aug. 18	63	170	233	21	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	2	3	309	196	2,043.19
" Whitefield ch.,	1850	Saml. J. Spalding, D.D.,	1846, Oct. 26	1851, June 30	51	132	183	42	5	2	7	4	0	0	4	1	0	148	93	894.52
North Andover, Ev. ch.,	1834	Rufus C. Flagg,	1872, Sept. 26	1872, Sept. 26	48	122	170	50	20	9	29	1	1	0	2	9	3	240	175	938.72
Peabody,	1713	George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3	1869, Mar. 11	77	216	293	28	3	10	13	4	8	0	12	2	4	564	325	1,960.87
Rockport, 1st ch.,	1755	Charles C. McIntire,	1861, Sept. 17	1871, Dec. 28	109	190	299	13	12	8	20	9	4	0	13	2	2	325	210	498.50
Rowley,	1639	None.			43	101	144	15	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	1	14	112	62	280.85
Salem, Tabernacle ch.,	1629	Hiram B. Putnam,	1868, Oct. 28	1873, Dec. 31	52	262	314	31	0	5	5	5	7	0	12	0	2	275	200	2,578.00
" South ch.,	1735	Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 2	1864, Oct. 13	80	304	384		12	5	17	6	3	0	9	5	8	425	270	6,187.45
" Crombie st. ch.,	1832	Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29	1868, Jan. 29	44	193	237	36	5	5	10	4	2	0	6	2	3	206	139	1,131.22
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,	1718	None.			1	6	7		0	0	0									
" & Amesb'y Un. Ev.,	1835	Newell S. Wright,	1873, Aug. 7	1874, *A. p.*	28	55	83	15	0	1	1	3	5	0	8	0	1	125	100	114.13
Saugus, Centre,	1732	Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7	1869, Mar. 18	18	32	50	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	130	70	350.00
Swampscott, 1st ch.,	1846	None.			13	62	75	12	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	130	89	160.00
Topsfield,	1663	James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2	1871, June 22	39	112	151	12	1	2	3	5	2	0	7	1	0	174	107	404.06
Wenham,	1644	Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Oct. 13	21	57	78	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	170	115	200.00
West Newbury, 1st ch.,	1698	None.			24	47	71	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	45	20.00
" 2d ch.,	1731	Seneca M. Keeler,	1862, July 8	1872, June 13	36	112	148	23	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	7	5	328	168	181.67
TOTAL: 66 Churches.					3058	7998	11056	1632	294	221	515	195	164	3	362	139	146	13362	8575	51,627.92

6. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashfield,	1763	James Dingwell,	1872, Aug. 28	1872, Aug. 28	48	99	147	13	6	3	9	2	2	0	4	4	0	140	90	$123.35
Bernardston,	1824	Leroy M. Pierce,	1870, Feb. 4	1873, *A. p.*	15	33	48	14	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	1	70	55	99.10
Buckland,	1785	Charles L. Guild,	1864, Feb. 4	1873, *A. p.*	33	55	88	18	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	120	104	26.68
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	1788	Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, Sept. 4	35	72	107	16	10	5	15	2	5	1	8	13	0	125	81	179.68
" East,	1845	Wellington Newell,	1856, Nov. 18	1873, Sept. 3	22	40	62	17	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	70	49	22.12
Coleraine,	1750	David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21	1867, June 13	14	53	67	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	100	60	122.50
Conway,	1768	Arthur Shirley,	1872, July 3	1872, July 3	73	136	209	9	3	5	8	5	8	0	13	3	3	230	122	614 49
Deerfield, South,	1318	Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15	1873, Jan. 14	115	184	299	50	29	2	31	5	10	0	15	12	2	200	150	711.99
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	1835	Robert Crawford, D.D.,	1840, Aug. 20	1858, Jan. 13	21	55	76	10	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	1	60	45	32.00
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832	Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18	1872, *A. p.*	11	18	29	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	43	24.35
Gill,	1793	Edmund S. Potter,	1843, May 23	1868, *A. p.*	18	44	62	12	0	4	4	2	3	0	5	0	0	97	68	90.00
Greenfield, 1st ch.,	1754	Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3	1872, Mar. 7	21	52	73	13	6	0	6	7	7	0	14	2	2	92	54	115.00
" 2d ch.,	1817	Frank A. Warfield,	1871, Jan. 11	1873, July 30	74	126	200	0	0	14	14	4	5	0	9	0	2	401	223	881.24
Hawley, 1st ch., East,	1778	Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1	1870, *A. p.*	30	48	78	17	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	2	75	54	40.00
" West,	1825	John Eastman,	1834, Aug.	1871, *A. p.*	13	21	34	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	115	70	7.00
Heath,	1785	[Chas. W. Fifield, *Lic.*]		1872, *A. p.*	8	18	26	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	65	40	48.25
Leverett,	1784	Asa F. Clark,	1842, Feb. 15	1873, *A. p.*	34	69	103	10	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	110	70	20.26
Montague, 1st ch.,	1752	Charles H. Daniels,	1873, Nov. 20	1873, Nov. 20	71	125	196	21	0	3	3	5	3	0	8	0	10	175	125	387.60
" Miller's Falls,	1872	[A. Livermore, *Lic.*],			16	29	45	15	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	48	16.05
New Salem,	1845	David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12	1863, *A. p.*	8	34	42	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	50	10.00
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1825	Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11	1870, Aug. 17	22	41	63	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	75	84.81
Orange, North,	1843	John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3	1865, *A. p.*	10	20	30	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	00	15.00
" Central ch.,	1846	Robert C. Bell,	1869, Nov. 3	1872, Oct. 9	64	118	182	30	6	3	9	0	3	0	3	6	2	160	123	285.67
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	1770	Alfred F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 31	1870, Oct. 25	67	103	170	16	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	2	0	225	166	373 20
" Falls,	1850	Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5	1869, Dec. 15	62	121	183	10	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	0	6	208	141	340 00
Shutesbury,	1742	[J. Willet, *Lic.*]			21	29	50	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	30	0.00
Sunderland.	1718	None.			126	171	297	12	1	4	5	6	7	1	14	0	0	220	151	848.26
Warwick, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1829	Samuel W. Clarke,	1874, Jan. 14	1874, Jan. 14	15	36	51	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	90	44	86.00
Wendell, Centre, 1st ch.,	1774	Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4	1869, *A. p.*	9	14	23	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	43	38.00
Whately,	1771	John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17	1860, Oct. 17	42	92	134	17	0	3	3	8	3	0	11	0	4	160	75	198.33
TOTAL: 30 churches.					1118	2056	3174	421	77	60	137	65	86	2	153	45	37	3776	2466	$5,340.93

7. HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762	Charles S Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	12	44	56	10	5	1	6	2	4	0	6	3	0	100	50	$64.46
" Cong. ch.,	1819	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	41	81	122	15	2	4	6	3	8	0	11	0	0	80	60	182.00
Blandford,	1735	Aaron W. Field,	1872, Nov. 13	1872, Nov. 13	30	63	93	6	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	2	100	75	243.00
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724	Webster K Pierce,	1872, June 11	1874, Apr. 30	50	130	180	58	3	1	4	4	5	0	9	1	0	175	98	584.13
Chester, Centre,	1769	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	25	34	59	14	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	50	40	25.00
" 2d ch., Depot,	1844	None.			14	23	37	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	56	40.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	29	43	72	8	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	59	45	234 87
" 2d ch., Falls,	1830	Joshua T. Tucker,	1837, Nov. 16	1868, Apr. 8	66	117	183	46	0	5	5	1	5	0	6	0	1	145	89	547.50
" 3d ch.,	1834	Edwin B. Palmer,	1859, Sept. 20	1869, June 10	58	165	223	20	4	7	11	5	3	0	8	2	4	354	243	899.88
Granville, East,	1747	Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24	1871, Dec. 13	19	35	54	10	1	0	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	40		68.50
" West,	1786	Henry H. Olds,	1872, May 22	1872, May 22	23	36	59	11	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	65	45	
Holland,	1765	None.			15	26	41	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	70	40	65.75
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1799	None.			36	57	93	10	4	3	7	1	2	0	3	2	0	70	45	29 00
" 2d ch.,	1849	John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	92	218	310	20	7	27	34	1	9	0	10	2	3	409	230	1,400.00
Longmeadow,	1716	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	39	92	131	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	72	885.65
" East,	1829	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	33	68	101	22	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	1	9	59	40	376.00
Ludlow,	1790	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Dec. 21	1866, Nov. 2	52	109	161	23	36	2	38	2	5	0	2	29	9	195	109	283.22
" Mills,	1867	None.			6	28	34	11	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	38	
Monson,	1762	Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	70	178	248	35	23	10	33	5	3	0	8	13	3	261	140	1,500.00
Montgomery,	1797	None.			2	7	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		20	
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1733	Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	37	57	6	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	1	1	100	60	89.00
" 2d ch.,	1847	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	31	82	113	15	7	7	14	5	2	0	7	3	1	184	94	279.34
Southwick,	1773	Cyrus M. Perry,	1865, Mar. 28	1873, *A. p*	20	50	70	15	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	70	50	18.00
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637	Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	163	454	617	82	21	30	51	9	31	0	40	11	16	587	343	4,620.77
" Olivet ch.,	1833	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	71	194	265	22	5	15	20	1	17	2	20	3	5	284	195	1,289 39
" South ch.,	1842	S. G. Buckingham, D.D.,	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	130	268	398	30	4	14	18	5	8	0	13	1	12	586	420	2,340 51
" North ch.,	1846	Richard G. Greene,	1856, June 25	1866, Sept. 19	123	228	351	67	3	14	17	7	15	0	22	1	3	236	162	582 36
" Indian Orchard,	1848	[William Hamilton]	*	1873, *A. p.*	14	25	39	18	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	1	58	45	92.66
" Sanford st. ch.,	1864	[James F. Brown, *Lic.*].		1874, *A. p.*	17	25	42	0	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	1	3		70	31.22
Tolland,	1797	Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22	1873, *A. p.*	38	61	99	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	75	
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679	Adoniram J Titsworth,	1873, June 4	1873, June 4	90	242	332	42	1	18	19	3	5	0	8	0	2	275	240	1 287.13
" 2d ch.,	1856	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	101	187	288	38	1	5	6	6	5	0	11	1	9	350	207	1,002 55
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698	Edward N. Pomeroy,	1868, Nov. 11	1873, Nov. 18	33	77	110	30	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	2	95	80	239.22
" 2d ch.,	1850	Henry M. Rogers,	1865, Oct. 2	1871, *A. p.*	20	51	71	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	102	71	130.00
" Park st. ch.,	1871	Lyman D. Calkins,	1871, Nov. 21	1873, Dec. 10	21	59	80	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	125	71	140.00
Wilbraham,	1741	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	75	133	208	66	5	3	8	2	1	1	4	4	3	184	99	361.19
" South,	1785	Edw. B. Chamberlain,	1856, Mar. 12	1849, Mar. 3	35	64	99	18	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	1	6	125	60	90.00
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1714	3791	5505	804	149	196	345	85	147	3	235	82	101	6056	3908	20,023.20

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Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 18	1863, Sept. 24	123	292	415	44	28	14	42	4	17	0	21	11	4	280	197	$1,136.77
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782	Charles A. Conant,	1854, July 2	1872, *A. p.*	49	119	168	14	6		6			1	1			140	105	117.93
" College ch.,	1826	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns, D.D.	1831, Dec. 7	1854, Nov. 21	64	27	91	6	16	16	32	0	0	0	0	5	0	35	20	2 008.35
" North ch., North,	1826	None.			106	166	272	10	2	11	13	3	5	1	9	0	6	276	180	362.43
" ch. of South,	1858	None.			46	76	122	13	6	4	10	0	2	0	2	1	2	123	80	205.00
Belchertown,	1737	Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10	1871, May 10	97	193	290	55	3	3	6	5	9	2	16	2	1	322	163	610.82
Chesterfield,	1764	William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8	1873, *A. p.*	7	27	34	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	80	58	
Cummington, E Vil. ch.,	1839	None.			28	58	86	6	0	3	3	1	7	0	8	0	2	80	60	108.00
" West Village ch.,	1840	Ozias S. Morris,	1848, July 9	1873, *P. e.*	10	32	42	0	5	2	7	2	6	0	8	3	0	80	60	50.00
Easthampton, 1st ch.,	1785	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10	1853, Mar. 2	97	198	295	12	9	11	20	0	9	0	9	6	3	225	138	571.00
" Payson ch.,	1852	Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	1846, June 17	1863, Oct. 14	121	265	386	30	6	7	13	3	14	0	17	3	10	402	230	2,363.00
Enfield,	1790	Edward C. Ewing,	1863, Nov. 5	1867, Oct. 9	81	161	242	44	1	1	2	3	6	5	14	0	0	179	95	1,652.21
Goshen,	1780	George Juchau,	1869, Mar. 3	1874, *A. p.*	20	53	73	13	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	60	35	30.00
Granby,	1762	None.			71	133	204	16	3	6	9	2	3	0	5	0	4	225	139	747.36
Greenwich,	1749	Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 5	1843, July 5	39	95	134	33	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	145	72	200.43
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659	Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12	1848, Jan. 12	67	119	186	21	0	2	2	6	6	0	12	0	4	150	109	409.75
" 2d ch., North,	1831	James M. Bell,	1858, July 21	1873, June 4	68	107	175	25	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	2	154	105	273.00
" Russell ch.,	1841	Edward S. Dwight, D.D.,	1844, Dec. 25	1864, Sept. 27	44	92	136	16	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	3	65	50	636.89
Hatfield,	1670	None.			89	160	249	21	0	1	1	3	6	0	9	0	0	128	99	717.74
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778	Edwin S. Tingley,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, *A. p.*	26	47	73	11	2	1	3	1	6	0	7	1	0	95	65	27.66
" 2d ch.,	1846	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20	1867, Apr. 10	29	69	98	15	2	9	11	2	9	0	11	1	1	98	57	125.33
Middlefield,	1783	Charles M. Peirce,	1863, Sept. 2	1868, July 1	36	56	92	17	0	2	2	2	7	0	9	0	2	95		372.82
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec. 1	1867, Apr. 30	135	344	479	50	9	18	18	8	11	0	19	0	7	330	225	5,000.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25	1852, June 2	117	237	354	23	8	15	23	3	7	0	10	2	4	252	180	1,512.00
" Florence ch.,	1861	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20	1866, Dec. 6	72	174	246	62	1	15	16	2	6	0	8	0	1	200	150	1,778.00
Pelham,	1837	*No public services.*			10	29	39	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
" Packardville,	1869	William K. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21	1871, June 28	12	19	31	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	45	31.11
Plainfield,	1786	Solomon Clark,	1841, April 12	1858, *A. p.*	49	81	130	20	0	5	5	1	8	0	9	0	0	175	80	95.00
Prescott,	1823	David Bancroft,	1838, Oct. 20	1858, June 8	17	26	43	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	60	45	50.10
Southampton,	1743	Edward S. Fitz,	1874, May 20	1884, May 20	92	150	242	38	5	4	9	4	2	0	6	1	0	159	96	312.16
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733	John R. Herrick, D. D.,	1854, June 21	1874, Apr. 16	115	212	327	34	3	8	11	5	10	0	15	1	3	278	196	411.00
" Falls,	1824	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27	1867, Oct. 2	59	108	167	34	2	4	6	4	3	0	7	0	2	132	122	308.73
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824	Richard Knight,	1837, May 6	1856, Sept. 10	46	112	158	38	10	3	13	3	1	0	4	4	0	191	130	988.68
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16	1861, Oct. 10	37	98	135	33	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	1	130	84	227.58
" East ch.,	1826	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.	1844, Sept. 18	1855, Dec. 5	110	236	346	43	11	4	15	6	9	0	15	7	13	344	241	4,209.43
Westhampton,	1779	Joseph Lanman,	1868, June 2	1874, June 3	77	111	188	33	5	0	5	5	16	0	21	0	5	90	80	360 84
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771	John F. Gleason,	1873, Jan. 7	1873, Jan. 7	85	168	253	29	16	8	24	5	9	1	15	6	7	250	160	801.35
" Haydenville,	1851	James P. Kimball,	1857, May 13	1871, Nov. 8	43	149	192	42	0	3	3	5	8	0	13	0	1	280	205	439.00
Worthington,	1771	Dennis Powers.	1838, Dec. 5	1874, *A. p.*	53	96	149	22	0	0	0	4	10	0	14	0	0	150	94	29.35
TOTAL: 39 churches.					2447	4905	7352	965	152	184	336	106	223	10	339	56	89	6513	4250	29,279.92

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Acton,	1832	Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 24	1872, Oct. 10	48	108	157	33	0	4	4	8	3	0	11	0	4	150	110	$365.00
Arlington,	1842	Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	1845. Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	44	125	169	42	4	5	9	5	6	1	12	1	5	203	151	2,100.00
Ashby,	1776	George F. Walker,	1863, July 3	1873, June 11	53	119	172	30	3	4	7	2	2	0	4	2	0	215	123	348.00
Ashland,	1835	Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19	1873, *A. p.*	37	83	120	19	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	2	0	175	110	
Ayer,	1861	None.			16	25	41	16	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	121	101	295.25
Bedford,	1730	Edward Chase,	1863, Jan. 8	1869, Feb. 17	35	115	150	61	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	3	100	75	156.06
Belmont, Waverley,	1865	None.			11	13	24	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	55	
Billerica,	1829	Henry A. Hazen,	1858, Feb. 17	1874, May 21			40		0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0		40	
Boxborough,	1784	John Wood,	1840, April 3	1873, *A. p.*	22	26	48	14	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	45	65.00
Burlington,	1735	None.			15	37	52	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	50	100 00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636	Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	103	280	383	50	9	19	28	10	7	0	17	3	5	337	206	2,500.00
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827	William S. Karr,	1854, Sept. 26	1873, Jan. 15	110	315	425	91	3	8	11	5	22	0	27	1	1	301	196	3,472 78
" East,	1842	[D. W. Kilburn, *Licen.*]		1872. *A. p.*	29	67	96	66	4	1	5	0	5	0	5	3	5	125	75	183.00
" North Avenue,	1857	David O Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	114	208	321	37	1	11	12	3	18	0	21	1	12	252	186	1,560 00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1865	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	108	211	319	30	13	21	34	3	5	0	8	9	13	552	379	949.49
" " Chapel ch.,	1872	John K. Browne,	1872, Oct. 16	1872, Oct. 16	28	70	98	0	35	20	55	0	2	1	3	20	8	250	225	100.00
Carlisle,	1830	Moses Patten,	1860, June 7	1870, Oct. 27	9	42	51	17	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	6	63	43	121.00
Chelmsford, 2d ch. Nor.,	1824	Daniel Phillips,	1861, Feb. 21	1870, June 14	28	62	90	20	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	3	120	70	125 66
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826	Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1	1872, *P. e.*	21	55	76	18	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	6	95	60	347.00
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721	Benjamin F. Clark,	1839, Aug. 1	1872, *A. p.*	16	59	75	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	48	20.00
" Pawtucket ch.,	1797	Joseph Boardman,	1861, Mar. 20	1870, Sept. 1	41	70	111	20	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	2	125	65	333 00
" Central ch.,	1847	None.			28	41	69	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	59	32.28
Dunstable,	1757	Franklin D. Austin,	1853, June 23	1873, *A. p.*	17	41	58	14	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	70	60	17.12
Everett,	1861	None.			35	82	117	11	3	11	14	2	4	0	6	2	3	180	125	178.54
Framingham, Plym. ch.,	1701	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	69	200	269	36	6	6	12	6	10	2	18	3	5	200	140	2,100.00
" Saxonville, Edw.ch.,	1835	Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15	1870, Nov. 3	39	106	145	37	1	0	1	0	7	0	7	0	0	100	60	197.51
" South,	1873	David M. Bean,	1863, July 22	1873, *A. p.*	23	57	80	0	7	75	82	1	1	0	2	5	0	120	80	126 00
Groton,	1664	Benjamin A. Robie,	1866, Mar. 22	1874, *A. p.*	76	151	227	30	0	3	3	4	16	0	20	0	2	262	128	961:38
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728	George M. Adams,	1851, Sept. 18	1873, Sept. 11	108	246	354	69	0	2	2	10	8	0	18	0	0	286	200	1,043.81
Hopkinton,	1724	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	65	139	204	33	1	8	9	3	7	0	10	1	1	345	201	2,186.34
Lexington, Hancock ch.,	1868	Edward G. Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	22	37	59	9	4	5	9	2	1	0	3	0	6	108	75	328.46
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	31	63	94	13	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	125	75	680.00
Littleton,	1840	Henry E. Cooley,	1866, Aug. 7	1872, May 9	28	37	65	9	14	3	17	5	1	0	6	4	3	75	50	653,28
Lowell, 1st Cong. ch.,	1826	Smith Baker,	1860, July 30	1871, Sept. 13	135	428	563	102	64	24	88	6	6	0	12	4	4	553	402	1,264 80
" Elliot ch.,	1830	John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	67	225	292	92	9	5	14	5	13	0	18	5	3	312	204	930.93
" John st. ch.,	1839	Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	103	301	404	80	9	9	18	2	4	0	6	8	4	359	275	702.89
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845	Charles D Barrows,	1871, July 13	1871, July 13	122	314	436	75	12	8	20	7	6	0	13	5	6	397	186	4,858.67
" High st. ch.,	1846	Owen Street,	1843, Feb. 3	1857, Sept. 16	81	152	233	48	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	2	1	360	280	644.82
Malden, 1st ch.,	1649	J. W. Wellman, D. D.,	1851, June 18	1874, Mar. 25	106	201	307	53	1	4	5	4	12	0	16	0	5	553	342	1,656 94
Marlborough, Union ch.,	1836	John Willard,	1855, Jan. 25	1873, Dec. 30	76	178	254		8	6	14	2	3	0	5	0		235	160	235.00

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Maynard,	1852	None.			71	90	161	30	2	14	16	3	20	0	23	1	2	314	213	$99.50
Medford, 1st Tr. Con. ch.	1823	James T. McCollom,	1841, June 25	1865, Nov. 8	50	127	177	52	0	8	8	1	5	0	6	0	1	174	114	1,357.90
" Mystic ch.,	1847	None.			57	135	192	25	6	3	9	6	9	0	15	2	4	200	150	2,000.00
" West,	1872	Edwin L. Jaggar,	1862, Mar. 17	1873, *A. p.*	14	18	32	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	69	35.30
Melrose,	1848	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	54	116	170	19	1	12	13	1	4	0	5	0	6	261	179	
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 17	116	230	346	30	17	16	33	7	3	0	10	10	5	525	333	3,500.00
" John Eliot ch., So'h,	1859	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1873, *A. p.*	15	36	51	13	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	75	45	137.33
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664	Daniel L. Furber, D. D.,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	87	147	234	41	21	12	33	5	6	0	11	12	11	194	125	2,556.00
" 2d ch., West,	1781	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1860, Sept. 26	107	176	283	44	7	11	18	4	5	0	9	4	0	275	186	1,464.69
" Eliot ch.,	1845	None.			141	273	414	37	4	22	26	5	11	0	16	0	7	364	232	5,039.11
" Auburndale,	1850	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	60	95	155	35	2	10	12	1	1	0	2	0	1	245	151	3,311.66
" North Vill.,	1866	Samuel E. Lowry,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	29	57	86	29	10	9	19	2	3	0	5	1	3	180	131	75.00
" Newtonville,	1868	None.			40	86	126	15	1	12	13	1	5	0	6	0	2	140	90	430.00
" Highlands,	1872	Samuel H. Dana,	1872, Oct. 9	1872, Oct. 9	11	26	37	1	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	2	5	113	73	80 00
North Reading,	1720	Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866, June 28	1872, Oct. 16	15	62	77	18	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	3	0	65	52	85.00
Pepperell,	1747	None.			106	224	330	43	4	0	4	6	5	1	12	2	0	220	150	333.00
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1872, Feb. 14	41	121	162	25	21	7	28	4	14	0	18	10	0	192	117	336 33
" Bethesda ch.,	1849	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	79	179	258	29	31	16	47	3	7	0	10	11	1	260	175	416.12
Sherborn,	1685	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	44	101	145	25	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	1	0	146	90	160.00
Shirley Village,	1828	Henry A. Lounsbury,	1856, Feb. 15	1870, Apr. 20	18	33	51	11	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	80	60	102.35
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1872, Feb. 1	116	214	330	.	7	11	18	5	2	0	7	6	6	575	369	1,627 24
" North, Winter Hill,	1864	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1	1872, Aug. 29	48	85	133	20	7	30	37	1	2	0	3	4	9	248	168	641.92
Stoneham,	1729	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1872, *A. p*	33	101	134	20	15	16	31	4	0	0	4	7	0	185	115	
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1870, Feb. 1	56	131	187	33	0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0	170	97	468.00
Tewksbury,	1735	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29	1871, Nov. 1	39	106	145	39	14	7	21	6	0	0	6	9	4	190	110	472.93
Townsend,	1734	Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29	1873, *A. p.*	74	147	221	36	0	5	5	5	1	0	6	0	0	179	103	360.30
Tyngsborough,	1868	None.			9	22	31	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	48	38.70
Wakefield,	1645	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	69	133	202	17	1	6	7	3	7	0	10	1	2	300	170	1,139.00
Waltham,	1820	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	63	168	231	42	19	15	34	5	7	3	15	12	16	222	139	891.00
Watertown, Phillips ch.	1855	Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26	1872, July 5	45	116	161	34	13	10	23	2	14	0	16	7	0	142	82	263.94
Wayland,	1828	Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14	1873, July 30	36	72	108	23	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	0	4	80	62	75.50
Westford,	1828	Henry H. Hamilton,	1872, Sept. 11	1872, Sept. 11	20	73	93	16	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	54	35	105.35
Wilmington,	1733	None.			40	91	131	17	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	2	1	146		286 63
Winchester,	1840	Alfred B. Dascomb,	1862, Jan. 16	1874, Mar. 4	110	215	325	53	5	3	8	3	5	0	8	.	.	300	206	5,000.00
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28	1873, Mar. 19	214	310	524	94	9	23	32	11	21	0	32	1	6	428	283	3,544.63
" North,	1849	None.			15	48	63	25	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	108	66	20.00
TOTAL: 76 Churches.					4274	9481	1875[5]	1398	464	586	1050	220	361	8	589	194	219	13750	10483	68,394.44

10. NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1726	Henry C. Crane,	1875, Sept. 9	1875, *A. p.*	40	218	258	50	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	200	175	

11. NORFOLK COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Braintree, 1st ch.,	1707	Thomas A. Emerson,	1869, Nov. 25	1874, May 7	46	119	165	22	4	0	4	2	4	1	7	0	4	205	131	$995.70
" South.	1829	Samuel B. Andrews,	1868, June 20	1873, *A. p.*	17	55	72	5	2	7	9	1	1	0	2	2	1	140	81	47.26
Brookline, Harvard ch.	1844	None.			78	132	210	53	3	16	19	2	13	0	15	1	0	200	132	5,685.94
Canton, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1828	None.			27	64	91	15	2	6	8	0	2	0	2	1	1	100	60	210.00
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	1824	Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9	1871, Apr. 18	18	99	117	11	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	135	75	402.21
" Beech Woods,	1863	Thomas S. Norton,	1846, Feb. 4	1873, *A. p.*	8	19	27	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	50	12.00
Dedham, 1st ch.,	1838	None.			45	161	206	40	2	7	9	6	5	0	11	0	6	250	220	1,438.00
Dover, 2d Cong. ch.,	1839	Stephen C. Strong,	1854, Apr. 12	1874, *A. p.*	7	18	25	7	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	75	00	
Foxborough,	1779	Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6	1871, *A. p.*	53	165	218	14	7	2	9	4	7	0	11	3	0	246	180	669.66
Franklin,	1737	None.			71	146	217	16	7	6	13	5	2	0	7	4	5	210	115	1,321.82
" South,	1855	Josiah Merrill,	1848, Mar. 1	1867, *A. p.*	7	18	25	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	33	
Holbrook, 2d ch.,*	1818				15	24	*39													
" Winthrop ch.,	1856	Albert Bryant,	1865, Apr. 23	1874, *A. p.*	37	86	123	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	188	132	1.967.12
Hyde Park,	1863	Perley B. Davis,	1862, Jan. 29	1867, Apr. 10	71	132	203	36	10	23	33	4	4	0	8	4	5	301	206	508.00
Medfield, 2d Cong. ch.,	1828	Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9	1869, *A. p.*	27	79	106	26	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	7	83	51	313.33
Medway, 1st ch., East,	1714	Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1	1871, Nov. 15	43	89	132	29	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	5	211	121	583 92
" 2d ch., West,	1750	Jacob Ide, D. D.,	1814, Nov. 2	1814, Nov. 2	92	188	280	0	0	2	2	7	6	1	14	0	0	198	134	402.11
		S. Willard Segur,	1862, May 28	1873, May 7																
" Village ch.	1838	David Sanford,	1828, May 28	1838, Oct. 3	64	158	222	43	2	4	6	3	0	0	3	2	2	164	105	614.28
		Rufus K. Harlow,	1868, Oct. 15	1872, Feb. 13																
Milton, 1st ch.,	1678	Albert K. Teele,	1844, July 15	1850, Dec. 18	37	72	109	31	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	70	55	173 00
" 2d ch., Railway,	1843	Hilary Bygrave,	1872, July 12	1873, *A. p.*	6	21	27	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	00	0.00
Needham, Wellesley,	1798	George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23	1868, Jan. 23	52	100	152	27	8	5	13	1	9	0	10	5	3	184	133	720 26
" Grantville,	1847	J. Lambdin Harris,	1860, Sept. 20	1874, June 18	27	31	58	17	2	4	6	2	4	0	6	1	0	92	67	301.07
" Ev. Cong. ch.,	1857	Augustus C. Swain,	1873, June 25	1873, June 25	17	36	53	12	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	85	63	
Norfolk,	1839	None.			15	34	49	13	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	0	1	80	60	30.00
Norwood,	1736	Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30	1867, *A. p.*	47	98	145	25	8	2	10	5	3	0	8	4	4	165	90	337.50
Quincy, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832	Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28	1874, June 16	31	124	155	60	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	1	2	225	120	315.00
Randolph, 1st ch.,	1731	John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4	1865, Dec. 14	43	95	138	21	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	209	142	1,003.25
Sharon, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741	None.			29	78	107	21	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	98	55	222 02
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	1744	Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1	1856, Mar. 13	40	72	112	20	0	5	5	3	0	0	3	0	1	215	143	271.50
Walpole,	1826	Bela N. Seymour,	1855, June 20	1873, *A. p.*	53	129	182	33	3	6	9	6	3	0	9	0	0	149	98	569.60
Weymouth, 1st ch.,	1623	Franklin P. Chapin,	1857, Nov. 11	1873, Oct. 22	37	71	108	14	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	111	69	369.83
" 2d ch., South,	1723	George F. Stanton,	1866, June 6	1870, Oct. 27	29	95	124	12	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	4	260	156	903.00
" and Braintree,	1811	None			35	103	138	15	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	205	83	300.00
" Union ch., South,	1842	James McLean,	1859, Aug. 30	1872, Feb. 27	28	80	108	14	3	6	9	1	1	0	2	1	9	200	129	500.00
" Pilgrim ch., North,	1852	Louis B. Voorhees,	1871, Dec. 6	1871, Dec. 6	27	51	78	6	7	3	10	3	0	0	3	3	0	190	106	287.40
" East.	1860	Elbridge P. McElroy,	1870, Feb. 23	1871, Oct. 25	95	136	231	28	2	3	5	5	0	0	5	2	4	287	196	
" Lovell's Corner,	1872	Joseph C. Halliday,	1864, June 8	1872, *A. p.*	9	22	31	0	5	6	11	1	0	0	1	3	0	75	60	125.00
Wrentham, 1st ch.,	1692	William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9	1866, *A. p.*	36	143	179	27	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	2	175	110	355.75
TOTAL. 37 churches.					1419	3343	4762	744	89	127	216	93	91	2	186	42	73	5021	3799	21,995.53

* This church has been disbanded, and is not counted, the 39 members mentioned having been received to the Winthrop church.

12. PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av	
Abington, 1st ch.,	1712	George E. Freeman,	1858, Oct. 5	1871, Dec. 26	67	111	178	6	38	9	47	7	2	0	9	31	3	225	170	$600.00
" 2d ch., South,	1807	John Thompson,	1869, Sept. 22	1871, *A. p.*	77	175	252	25	7	1	8	4	3	0	7	4	0	200	165	325.00
" 4th ch., North,	1839	Jesse H. Jones,	1861, May 19	1873, *A. p.*	22	71	93	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	87	70	13.25
Bridgewater, Cen. Sq. ch.	1821	Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 13	1868, Apr. 9	47	95	142	35	2	4	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	262	155	578 00
" Scotland,	1836	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 29	1873, *A. p.*	12	34	46	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	40	80.00
Brockton, 1st ch.,	1740	None.			83	173	256	25	2	5	7	5	3	0	8	2	0	300	154	343.35
" So. ch., Campello,	1837	None.			75	102	177	14	11	5	16	5	3	0	8	11	0	275	171	635.00
" Porter Ev. ch.,	1856	Robert G. S. McNeille,	1870, May 16	1872, Apr. 25	86	161	247	22	3	1	4	6	2	0	8	3	0	240	163	307.60
Carver, North,	1733	William W. Livingston,	1860, Apr. 27	1873, June 12	16	47	63	15	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	55	45	20.00
Duxbury, Pilgrim ch.,	1843	William W. Lyle,	1850, Sept. 1	1873, Nov. 5	22	45	67	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	85	
E. Bridgewater, Un. ch.,	1826	Austin Dodge,	1866, Nov. 9	1870, *A. p.*	57	84	141	18	2	4	6	4	1	0	5	1	0	141	83	
Halifax,	1734	[George F. Wright, *Lic.*]		1873, *A. p.*	20	45	65	6	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	129	62	
Hanover, 1st ch.,	1728	Cyrus W. Allen,	1833, Oct. 6	1871, *A. p.*	10	43	53	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	115	60	82.00
" 2d ch., Four Cor's,	1854	Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4	1871, *A. p.*	19	34	53	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	40	90.00
Hanson,	1748	Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11	1871, *A. p.*	8	22	30	9	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	75	45	82.00
Hingham, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1847	Austin S. Garver,	1872, Oct. 31,	1872, Oct. 31	16	31	47	0	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	93	61	100.38
Kingston,	1828	Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30	1842, *A. p.*	16	46	62	12	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	65	45	100.00
Lakeville,	1725	None.			39	51	90		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	110	67	125.00
Marion,	1703	Charles A. Kingsbury,	1872, Nov. 14	1872, Nov. 14	40	61	101	17	6	3	9	3	3	0	6	5	2	156	100	120.00
Marshfield, 1st ch.,	1622	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5	1850, Oct. 30,	15	56	71	2	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	154	78	315.26
" 2d ch., East,	1835	None.			20	27	47	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	50	40	49.13
Mattapoisett,	1736	Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13	1871, Apr. 13	45	86	131	5	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	120	90	50.00
Middleborough, 1st ch.,	1694	None.			91	155	246	45	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	200	150	207.73
" North,	1748	None.			35	105	140	11	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	135	83	
" Central ch.,	1847	Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10	1871, Sept. 20	71	152	223	16	24	5	29	3	4	0	7		0	377	211	224.99
Plymouth, 2d ch., South,	1738	David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29	1872, *A. p.*	25	39	64	2	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	3	1	80	60	69.13
" Ch. of the Pilgrimage	1801	George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1870, Apr. 10	79	203	282	42	8	5	13	3	3	0	6	7	7	285	199	588.70
" 4th ch., Chiltonville,	1818	William Henry Cobb,	1872, Sept. 18	1872, Sept. 18	52	93	145	32	7	3	10	4	1	0	5	4	0	90	54	73.50
" 5th ch., "	1862	None.			37	60	97	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	80	60	
Plympton,	1698	Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7	1868, *A. p.*	16	61	77	19	2	0	2	5	1	0	6	2	0	86	65	43.00
Rochester, Centre,	1703	None.			25	66	91	39	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	5	0	80	40	150.00
" North,	1753	None.			1	10	11	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	20	25.00
Rockland,	1813	Cyrus W. Wallace, D.D.,	1840, Jan. 8	1873, *A. p.*	74	159	233	6	3	6	9	4	0	0	4	4	1	247	68	1,401.33
Scituate,	1635	William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15	1873, *A. p.*	14	51	65	8	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	80	45	32.50
Wareham,	1739	Isaiah C. Thacher,	1845, Dec. 25	1870, Oct. 27	29	82	111	20	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	100	70	422.00
TOTAL: 35 churches.					1361	2836	4197	522	136	60	196	83	57	1	141	93	19	4964	3105	$7 253.85

13. SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Boston: —																				
Charlestown, 1st,	1632	Francis F. Ford,	1857, Oct. 5	1872, Dec. 14	69	209	278	70	0	3	3	5	10	0	15	0	0	225	150	$338 24
Old South ch.,	1669	Jacob M. Manning, D.D.,	1854, Jan. 3	1857, Mar. 11	103	255	358		11	8	19	9	4	0	13	4		160	100	9,525.00
Dorchester, 2d ch.,	1808	James H. Means, D. D.,	1848, July 13	1848, July 13	98	226	334	50	3	2	5	6	0	1	7	2	6	248	151	5,840.00
Park st. ch.,	1809	William H. H. Murray,	1868, Feb. 19	1868, Nov. 11			1095	300	38	27	65	8	29	0	37	22		500	375	9,467.45
Union ch.,	1822	Neh. Adams, D. D., / Henry M. Parsons,	1829, Dec. 17 / 1854, Nov. 15	1834, Mar. 26 / 1870, Dec. 1	150	338	488	208	9	13	22	3	7	1	11	4	9	270	208	8,801.58
South, Phillips ch.,	1823	Edmund K. Alden, D.D.	1850, Jan. 2	1859, Sept. 21	124	248	372	66	5	15	20	5	15	2	22	4	9	619	367	7,162.90
Salem & Mariners' ch.	1827	Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20	1870, *A. p.*	69	60	129	20	17	2	19	4	11	0	15	4	3	137	117	510.00
Berkeley st. ch.,	1827	William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2	1867, Oct. 30	176	375	551		11	10	21	2	14	0	16	20	0	458	303	1,355.18
Brighton,	1827	Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12	1874, June 11	37	91	128	32	0	5	5	2	7	0	9	0	2	141	91	608.66
Dorchester, Vil'ge ch.	1829	None.			36	90	126	23	4	4	8	2	2	0	4	0	1	107	75	632.78
Cha'st'n, Winthrop ch.	1833	Alexander S. Twombly.	1859, Feb. 10	1872, May 2	139	307	446	75	7	11	18	7	19	0	26	5	4	589	377	2,514.93
Highlands, Eliot ch.,	1834	A. C. Thompson, D.D., / B. Franklin Hamilton,	1842, July 27 / 1865, June 28	1842, July 27 / 1871, Nov. 9	123	256	379	147	8	19	27	3	22	0	25	2	4	336	217	2,958.28
Central ch.,	1835	John De Witt,	1865, June 9	1869, Dec. 1	99	253	352		7	11	18	1	14	0	15	3	5	310	237	12,287.14
West Roxbury, So. ch.	1835	Edward Strong, D. D.,	1842, Dec. 14	1872, May 2	19	61	80	13	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	2	2	109	82	2,560.00
East Maverick ch.,	1836	John V. Hilton,	1860, July,	*P. e.*			464		0	15	15	3	13	1	17	0	0	550	337	1,309.76
Mount Vernon ch.,	1842	Samuel E. Herrick,	1863, Oct. 13	1871, Apr. 12	162	349	511	103	9	9	18	13	19	0	32	0	4	220	150	8,023.37
Shawmut ch.,	1845	Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	1850, Sept. 11	1860, Oct. 5	171	334	505	51	11	21	32	4	15	0	19	2	6	837	570	10,373.75
Jamaica Pl'n Cent. ch.	1853	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1872, Oct. 8	101	169	270	49	36	46	82	4	11	0	15	16	10	437	299	1,850.29
Highlands, Vine st. ch.	1857	John O. Means, D. D.,	1851, Dec. 3	1857, June 3	98	216	314	38	16	18	34	4	16	1	21	6	12	374	242	3,000.00
Neponset, Trin. ch.,	1859	Myron A. Munson,	1866, May 31	1874, *A. p.*	23	43	66	16	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	114	65	137.51
South, E street ch.,	1861	Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2	1867, June 18	77	160	237	62	9	3	12	5	10	0	15	4	3	327	165	509.57
Chambers st. ch.,	1861	George R. W. Scott,	1868, Sept. 17	1873, *A. p.*	26	106	132	23	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	380	300	58.51
Ward 16. Cot'age st. ch.	1867	Frederick A. Hand,	1873, Dec. 10	1873, Dec. 10	21	42	63	30	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	90	144.85
Highland ch.,	1869	Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29	1870, Sept. 29	42	87	129	12	4	10	14	0	6	0	6	1	9	403	279	1,353.37
Highl'ds, Walt't av. ch.	1870	Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10	1872, Jan. 4	50	95	145	8	6	21	27	2	6	0	8	2	7	250	178	1,768.98
" Holland ch.,	1873	Guy Vander Kreeke,	1873, Feb. 20	1873, Feb. 20	21	23	44	1	42	3	45	1	0	0	1	0	13	80	65	113.54
Chelsea, Winnisim't ch.	1841	Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3	1872, Oct 9	204	431	635	90	49	33	82	11	13	0	24	18	10	849	418	4,872.56
" Central ch.,	1851	Charles P. H. Nason,	1 74, June 24	1874, June 24			420		31	20	51	4	11	0	15	17	5	700	465	514.00
Revere,	1828	Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19	1869, *A. p.*	7	26	33	13	1	0	1	0	2	2	4	1	0	117	53	80.39
TOTAL: 29 churches.					2887	6197	9084	2029	340	336	676	111	282	8	401	140	124	9977	6526	98,372.79

14. WORCESTER COUNTY.

Churches, 1874, January 1.		Ministers, 1874, July.			Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1873.				Bapt. in 1873.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashburnham, 1st ch.,	1760	Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16	1871, *A. p.*	62	113	175	40	12	8	20	4	6	0	10	7	0	178	135	$400 00
" 2d ch.,	1860	Charles Peabody,	1841, Dec. 8	1872. *A. p.*	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25	20.25
Athol,	1750	Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 20	1868, Mar. 4	87	180	267	30	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	338	179	928.55
Auburn.	1776	Elnathan Davis,	1836, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	66	99	165	50	2	7	9	3	1	0	4	2	0	130	90	267.12
Barre, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1827	Edwin Smith.	1865, Jan. 11	1869, Oct. 29	70	132	202	30	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3	225	175	601.93
Berlin,	1779	William A. Houghton,	1853. Oct. 26	1853, Oct. 26	56	82	138	37	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	70	78 00
Blackstone,	1841	Albert W. Moore,	1873, Jan. 22	1872, *A. p.*	14	45	59	22	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	150	123	17.71
Boylston,	1743	None.			26	74	100	36	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	160	110	45.00
Brookfield,	1756	Joel M. Seymour,	1873, Oct. 8	1873, Oct. 8	53	81	134	53	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	160	90	646 84
Charlton, Cal. Cong. ch.,	1761	John Haven,	1836, Dec. 14	1850, Apr. 1	30	68	98	22	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	100	55	146.00
Clinton, 1st Ev. ch.,	1844	De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11	1868, Nov. 11	111	239	350	49	10	9	19	7	16	10	33	6	1	382	260	1,379.82
Dana, Centre,	1852	None.			11	21	32	9	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	36	26	
Douglas, 1st ch.,	1747	None.			30	36	66	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	50	40	18.00
" East,	1834	William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4	1866, Mar. 21	45	134	179	31	0	2	2	2	0		3	0	2	125	95	325.00
Dudley.	1732	William H. Wolcott,	1870. May 11	1873, *A. p.*	20	65	85	18	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	0	90	54	57.45
Fitchburg, Calv. ch.,	1768	Henry M. Tyler,	1872, May 6	1872, Dec. 4	118	228	346	44	16	15	31	5	11		16	5	4	275	202	2,588.87
" Rollstone ch.,	1868	Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16	1868, Apr. 16	103	186	289	12	9	17	26	2	2		4	5	6	253	164	2,000.00
Gardner, 1st ch.,	1786	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 18	1874, June 11	68	167	235	40	0	0	0	11	7	0	18	0	0	250	150	322 31
Grafton,	1731	John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22	1868, Sept. 29	62	150	212	61	7	3	10	2	2	0	4	5	5	154	110	681.50
" Saundersville,	1860	Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Aug. 1	1868, June 22	21	35	56	9	9	1	10	1	2	1	4	5	2	85	67	113.25
Hardwick, 1st Calv. ch.,	1736	Elbridge W. Merritt,	1866, Mar. 7	1873, June 5	15	42	57	15	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	34	150.00
" Gilbertville,	1867	Willard D. Brown,	1870. Dec. 6	1870. Dec. 6	10	37	47	11	9	2	11	0	2	0	2	3	0	73	53	65.00
Harvard,	1733	Alfred E. Tracy,	1872 Sept. 4	1872, Sept. 4	32	88	120	21	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	75	60	571.15
Holden,	1742	Wm. P. Paine, D. D.,	1833, Oct. 24	1833, Oct. 11	75	158	233	33	0	3	3	6	4	0	10	0	2	255	170	450.00
Hubbardston,	1770	John M. Stowe,	1855, Jan. 31	1870, Sept. 14	38	75	113	37	6	1	7	4	3	0	7	1	10	201	108	111.08
Lancaster,	1839	Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10	1872, May 1	40	89	129	31	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	110	70	615.67
Leicester, 1st Cong. ch.,	1721	Amos H. Coolidge,	1857. Apr. 21	1857, Apr. 21	97	157	254	42	26	1	27	3	3	0	6	19	2	300	140	967 00
Leominster,	1822	William J Batt,	1859, Sept. 29	1865, Oct. 17	131	242	373	34	2	14	16	5	3	0	8	1	1	312	189	1,038 38
Lunenburg,	1835	William H. Dowden,	1863, Nov. 5	1870, Feb. 2	33	58	91	17	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	150	70	168.72
Milford, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741	M. Richardson, D. D.,	1841, Oct. 28	1872. June 12	64	169	233	32	1	4	5	6	7	0	13	0	0	250	190	553.00
Millbury. 1st ch.,	1747	George A. Putnam,	1860. Nov. 14	1872, Apr. 11	40	125	165	24	19	12	31	4	4	0	8	5	1	225	160	619.00
" 2d ch.,	1827	Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept.	1866, Dec. 6	40	117	157	25	7	4	11	3	5	0	8	3	0	100	70	2,473.59
New Braintree,	1754	William B. Bond,	1840, Mar. 18	1872, Oct. 30	13	53	66	16	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	67	35	178.75
Northborough,	1832	Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21	1870, *A. p.*	35	81	116	23	1	4	5	4	0	0	4	1	0	143	87	348.29
Northbridge, 1st ch.,	1782	James Wells,	1849, Apr. 1	1872, *A. p.*	19	58	77	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	75	54.00
" Whitinsville,	1834	John R. Thurston,	1859. Jan. 20	1871, Apr. 20	69	121	190	34	1	6	7	5	8	0	13	1	2	293	197	9,502.78

14. WORCESTER COUNTY — *Completed.*

No. Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1752	Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, June 26	1868, Sept. 17	107	201	308	36	8	5	13	6	1	0	7	1	2	350	200	$1,987.34
" Union ch.,	1854	None.			44	72	116	21	2	5	7	4	6	0	10	2	0	175	100	
Oakham,	1773	Alpha Morton,	1844, Feb. 13	1872, Dec. 18	62	135	197	26	6	2	8	7	7	0	14	4	0	306	137	426.85
Oxford,	1821	Thomas E. Babb,	1869, Jan. 19	1871, Sept. 20	58	132	190	32	3	9	12	4	10	0	14	2	0	176	130	636.88
Paxton,	1767	None.			46	81	127	22	9	1	10	2	3	0	5	5	1	123	96	30.00
Petersham,	1823	None.			24	70	94	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	52	40	48.75
Phillipston,	1785	None.			50	89	139	25	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0	1	197	88	228.45
Princeton, 1st ch., Centre	1764	[George M. Howe.]			39	88	127	19	2	1	3	5	1	0	6	1	0	125	75	84.00
Royalston, 1st ch.,	1766	Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3	1874, June 3	40	87	127	15	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	135	92	541.06
" 2d ch., South,	1837	None.			40	69	109	22	0	1	1	6	6	0	12	1	0	123	83	174.92
Rutland,	1720	None.			70	131	201	52	0	3	3	5	3	0	8	0	2	250	140	
Shrewsbury,	1723	E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25	1867, Nov. 7	54	97	151	22	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	3	1	226	120	240.00
Southboro', Pilgrim ch.,	1831	Elias Nason,	1852, May 5	1873, *A. p.*	36	64	100	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	70	146.88
" Southville,	1865	None.			8	23	31	5	2	3	5	1	4	0	5	1	1	75	50	35.00
Southbridge,	1801	Jeremiah E. Fullerton,	1870, Sept. 8	1873, July 22	47	125	172	43	4	6	10	0	8	0	8	4	1	151	83	689 32
Spencer,	1744	H. Allen Shorey,	1865, July 28	1873, Sept. 16	63	118	181	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	300	178	772 65
Sterling,	1852	George J. Pierce,	1872, Aug. 28	1873, *A. p.*	18	71	89	22	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	70	45	90.00
Sturbridge,	1736	Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7	1871, June 29	65	154	219	38	3	0	3	6	2	0	8	2	0	90	75	304.03
Sutton, 1st ch.,	1720	[Hiram A. Tracy, *Presb.*]	1835, Jan. 1	1871, *A. p.*	58	138	196	40	15	0	15	3	5	0	8	13	2	130	90	425.00
Templeton,	1832	Charles A. White,	1873, Sept. 3	1873, Sept. 3	37	80	117	23	10	0	10	2	3	0	5	6	1	130	80	399.31
Upton,	1735	John E. M. Wright,	1852, Oct. 28	1871, Nov. 15	69	168	237	46	2	3	5	5	3	0	8	2	1	346	164	208.58
Uxbridge,	1730	Thomas C. Biscoe,	1838, July 16	1868, Dec. 2	37	127	164	50	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	325	150	750.00
Warren,	1745	Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25	1868, Nov. 19	75	127	202	22	0	1	1	3	9	0	12	0	3	237	102	909.22
" West,	1866	William M. Gay,	1863, Mar. 31	1873, *A. p.*	18	22	40	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	40	30.73
Webster,	1838	John S. Batchelder,	1858, Oct. 20	1871, Dec. 9	46	117	163	19	8	8	16	6	3	0	9	5	6	202	105	275.00
Westborough,	1724	Heman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18	1871, Aug. 10	110	251	361	43	10	5	15	7	9	0	16	2	3	370	257	1,978 99
West Boylston,	1796	William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 28	1873, *A. p.*	58	112	170	25	15	6	21	1	2	0	3	13	1	150	115	305.00
West Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1717	Richard B. Bull,	1855, Mar. 13	1871, Mar. 12	86	189	275	25	2	8	10	4	5	0	9	2	0	250	130	890.00
Westminster,	1742	Charles E. Cook dge,	1871 May 24	1874, *A. p.*	77	129	206	29	3	8	11	3	2	0	5	2	1	120	90	300.00
Winchendon, 1st ch.,	1762	Charles Rockwell,	1834, Sept. 23	1873, *A. p.*	33	48	81	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	35	80.00
" North,	1843	Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1	1869, May 19	69	171	240	40	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	1	2	250	147	1,201.08
Worcester, 1st ch.,	1716	None.			160	355	515		23	14	37	5	32	0	37	15	8	302	204	1,337.62
" Calvinist ch.,	1820	Seth Sweetser, D.D.,	1836, Nov. 25	1838, Dec. 19	74	213	287	28	6	8	14	7	8	0	15	0	3	165	133	4,100.37
" Union ch.,	1836	Ebenezer Cutler, D.D.,	1850, Mar. 6	1855, Sept. 5	145	235	380	14	2	3	5	2	12	1	15	0	2	250	200	2,728.28
" Salem st. ch.,	1848	Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5	1871, May 3	114	232	346	89	6	17	23	3	3	6	12	2	1	390	244	1,802.49
" Mission Chap. ch.,	1865	Charles H. Whitney,	1871, Aug. 30	1873, *A. p.*	10	27	37	4	1	0	1	0	4	2	6	0	0	117	81	133 62
" Plymouth ch.,	1869	George W. Phillips,	1864, Oct. 12	1871, Dec. 28	163	272	435	10	18	44	62	4	14	2	20	9	10	503	276	504.61
" Piedmont ch.,	1872	George H. Gould, D.D.,	1862, Nov. 12	1872, *A. p.*	63	82	145	0	10	26	36	2	0	0	2	7	0	338	157	316.37
TOTAL: 74 churches.					4183	8713	12896	2090	326	324	650	215	291	26	532	169	99	13739	8531	53,525.43

SUMMARY.

Counties.	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1, 1874.				Additions in 1873.			Removals in 1873.				Bapt. 1873.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With Pas.	With A.P.	Vacant	Total.	Pastors.	Act. Pas.	Others	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs't.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.	Av. at.	
Barnstable.	7	11	3	21	7	11	0	18	551	1,312	1,863	291	27	10	37	50	26	1	77	14	8	2,234	1,371	$2,576 99
Berkshire .	18	7	9	34	18	7	10	35	1,476	2,999	4,475	778	168	119	287	84	116	2	202	76	56	4,428	2,949	21,553.19
Bristol. . .	16	9	1	26	17	9	4	30	1,208	2,699	3,907	770	102	55	157	66	53	0	119	58	41	5,552	3,746	13,586.41
Dukes . . .	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	74	126	200	14	5	1	6	1	3	0	4	4	0	174	150	80.00
Essex . . .	48	9	9	66	50	9	26	85	3,058	7,998	11,056	1,632	294	221	515	195	164	3	362	130	146	13,362	8,575	51,627 92
Franklin . .	16	10	4	30	16	10	4	30	1,118	2,056	3,174	421	77	60	137	65	86	2	153	45	37	3,776	2,466	5,840.93
Hampden .	25	5	7	37	25	5	7	37	1,714	3,791	5,505	804	149	196	345	85	147	3	235	82	101	6,056	3,908	20,023.20
Hampshire.	26	7	6	39	26	7	15	48	2,447	4,905	7,352	965	152	184	336	106	223	10	339	56	89	6,513	4,250	29,279.92
Middlesex .	51	11	14	76	51	11	38	100	4,274	9,481	13,755	1,396	464	586	1,050	220	361	8	589	194	219	15,750	10,485	68,394.44
Nantucket.	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	40	213	253	50	0	0	0	6	2	1	9	0	0	200	175	*No report.*
Norfolk . .	18	12	7	37	20	12	11	43	1,419	3,343	4,762	744	89	127	216	93	91	2	186	42	73	5,921	3,799	21,995.53
Plymouth .	13	12	10	35	13	12	8	33	1,361	2,836	4,197	522	136	60	196	83	57	1	141	93	19	4,964	3,105	7,253.85
Suffolk . .	23	5	1	29	25	5	21	51	2,887	6,197	9,084	2,029	340	336	676	111	282	8	401	140	124	9,977	6,526	98,372.79
Worcester.	46	15	13	74	46	15	22	83	4,183	8,713	12,896	2,090	326	324	650	215	291	26	532	169	99	13,739	8,531	53,525.43
Total. .	307	116	85	508	314	116	166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	$394,110.60

This table necessarily omits 7 churches formed since December 31, 1873.

Notes. — 1. Of the 85 churches counted "vacant" above, 14 are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.

2. The column of "other ministers" includes only such (not in pastoral service) as are members of our Associations and reside in Massachusetts. Many of those whose occupation is in Boston reside, and are counted, in other counties, especially in Middlesex.

3. *Comparisons.* — New churches, 3; dropped, 2. Gain in church-membership. 1,015. Gain in Sabbath Schools, 2,150.

The average attendance in Sabbath Schools is .6480 of their total membership; in years next preceding, respectively, .6454, .6752, .6764, .6679, .6718, .6760.

Decrease in Benevolent Contributions (473 churches reporting, 453 last year), $42,248.88.

Pastors a year ago, 316; of these, during the year, 11 died in office, and 34 were dismissed; 10 persons were ordained pastors, and 33 other ministers were installed, making 314 the present total. Ministers not pastors deceased, 11. Ordained without installation, 4.

Seven churches have each two pastors.

Licentiates under care, 46, — 21 of whom were approbated during the year.

For the above items of changes by counties, see table on next page; lists of new churches, ordinations, etc., follow; and comparison of "totals" with those of preceding years will be found in table farther on.

RECORD OF CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE OF CHANGES, BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.				MINISTERS.							Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number.		Members.		The Pastorate					Deaths.					
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without installation.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable . .	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	191	—	$254.38	—
Berkshire . .	1	0	49	—	2	1	1	3	0	3	2	—	160	8,028 52	—
Bristol	0	1	—	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	90	—	$5,105.71
Dukes	0	0	8	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	—	68.00
Essex	0	0	88	—	1	7	6	1	2	1	1	—	333	—	3,051.57
Franklin . .	0	0	60	—	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	365	—	—	685 35
Hampden . .	0	0	93	—	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	386	—	—	7.323.40
Hampshire . .	0	0	—	45	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	—	243	—	57.25
Middlesex* .	1	0	—	538	0	6	7	0	1	0	2	—	210	—	18.644.43
Nantucket . .	0	0	—	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	—	—	150.00
Norfolk* . . .	0	1	—	296	0	4	4	3	0	3	3	—	287	—	3,886.11
Plymouth . .	0	0	38	—	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	127	—	54.70	—
Suffolk* . . .	1	0	1,564	—	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	1.835	—	—	6,665.75
Worcester . .	0	0	50	—	2	6	4	2	1	2	1	545	—	—	4,948.91
TOTAL, 1874 .	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	4	11	11	2,150	—	—	42,248 88
" 1873 .	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	6	6	13	—	687	—	2,119.87
" 1872 .	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	4	7	13	332	—	98,649.52	—
" 1871 .	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	3	3	5	—	2,293	2.010.21	—
" 1870 .	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9	14	—	700	37,726.82	—
" 1869	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	5	2	15	404	—	Unk'n.	
" 1868 .	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	3	1	5	2,620	—	"	
" 1867 .	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	8	2	15	3,713	—	"	
" 1866 .	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5	10	5	13	920	—	"	
" 1865 .	8	8	1,099	—						1	6	—	775	"	
" 1864 .	0	1	640	—						3	4	4,057	—	"	
" 1863 .	1	2	—	764						3	9	—	4	"	
" 1862 .	3	2	—	1304						4	6	750	—		
" 1861 .	6	4	—	734						4	7	2,035	—		
" 1860 .	6	3	—	413						9	6	—	161		
" 1859 .	5	2	7,608	—						2	6	7,075	—		
" 1858 .	9	0	1,087	—						1	4	3,021	—		
" 1857 .	3	3	—	426						2	5	3,325	—		
" 1856 .	8	2	—	494						4	6	715	—		
" 1855 .	5	1	532	—						6	6	940	—		
" 1854 .	3	1	294	—						8	3	—	841		
" 1853 .	5	5	1,174	—								619	—		
" 1852 .	2	2	—	288								—	908		
" 1851 .	7	7	2.467	—								2,249	—		

* But for transfers of churches Middlesex would have shown a gain of 714 members, Norfolk a gain of 54, and Suffolk a gain of 362.

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1st of the year mentioned except that the columns under "Ministers comprise the twelve months ending with the time of printing the Minutes. The table by counties was begun in 1866; all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table by counties, are given in detail on the next and succeeding pages.

CHANGES IN THE LIST OF CHURCHES.

NEW CHURCHES, with date of organization:

Berkshire Co., — Alford, resuscitated. This church was organized August 13, 1846. It appeared last upon our list in 1868.

Middlesex Co., — South Framingham, January 2, 1873.

Suffolk Co., — Holland church, Boston Highlands, February 20, 1873.

Also, since the end of the statistical year, and therefore not included in our tables or summary:

Bristol Co., — Third church, Fall River, June 3, 1874.

Essex Co., — Rockville, in Peabody, April 14, 1874.

Middlesex Co., — Maplewood, in Malden, June 10, 1874.

" " West Somerville, April 14, 1874.

Worcester Co., — North Leominster, May 6, 1874.

" " Baldwinsville, in Templeton, June 4, 1874.

" " Tabernacle church, Worcester, April 7, 1874.

CHURCHES DROPPED FROM THE LIST:

Bristol Co., — Trinitarian church, Berkley, which last year reported thirty members. The church was a useless secession from the First church, in 1848. Most of the members have become the nucleus of a Methodist Society.

Norfolk Co., — The Second church in Holbrook. It had been without a pastor since 1856, when the Winthrop church was formed out of it. A reunion has been happily effected, 39 members joining the Winthrop church. Although the formal act was not consummated until January 29, 1874, we regard it as practically done in 1873, and therefore we do not count it January 1.

The total number of churches at the date of printing, is 515; but 7 of these cannot be included in our summary, because organized since the end of the statistical year.

CHANGES IN COUNTY OR NAME:

The church of "Amesbury and Salisbury," Essex County, is now placed as "Salisbury and Amesbury."

Brighton and Charlestown (both in Middlesex County) and West Roxbury (Norfolk County), having been united with the city of Boston, the churches in those places are transferred to Suffolk County, and are inserted in Boston, in place according to their respective dates of organization.

Appleton Street church, Lowell, Middlesex County, has taken the name of "Eliot church."

East Abington, Plymouth County, is now incorporated as ROCKLAND; and North Bridgewater, in the same county, has taken the name of BROCKTON.

The church in Duxbury, Plymouth County, has changed its name to "Pilgrim church."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

PASTORS ORDAINED:

Samuel Worcester Clarke, Warwick, January 14, 1874.

Charles Herbert Daniels (Amh. Coll. 1870, Union, 1873), First church in Montague, November 20, 1873.

Edward Southworth Fitz (Amh. Coll. 1871, Andover), Southampton, May 20, 1874.

Frederick Augustus Hand (Wms. Coll. 1867, Andover, 1870), Cottage Street church, Dorchester, Boston, December 10, 1873.

Charles William Mallory (Amh. Coll. 1871, Yale Sem. 1874), Housatonic, June 18, 1874.

Charles Pinckney Holbrook Nason (Wms. Coll. 1864, Andover Special, 1872), Central church, Chelsea, June 24, 1874.

Charles Henry Parkhurst (Amh. Coll. 1866, Halle, and Leipsic, Germany), Lenox, May 14, 1874.

Joel Martin Seymour (W. R. C. 1870, Andover, 1873), Brookfield, October 8, 1873.

Charles Abner White (Wms. Coll. 1870, Andover, 1873), Templeton, September 3, 1873.

John Healy Williams (Amh. Coll. 1868, Andover, 1873), First church, Marblehead, September 10, 1873.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION:

Lewis Payson Broad (Y. C. not completed, Andover, 1873), at Templeton, September 3, 1873, for service at Baldwinsville, where a church has since been organized.

William Avery Lamb (Special Course, Andover, 1873), at Rockville, in Peabody, April 14, 1874, for a church organized same day.

Frank Barrows Makepeace (Hartford Sem. 1873), at Lynn, June 19, 1873. See *Installations.*

Stephen Lewis Bates Speare (Dart. Coll. 1854, incomplete course at Andover in class of 1857), at Charlestown, January 30, 1874. Is chaplain of the State Prison.

PASTORS INSTALLED:

George M. Adams, Holliston, September 11, 1873.

Marshall B. Angier, South church, Ipswich, February 4, 1874. [Not official.]

Lyman H. Blake, Methuen, June 25, 1874.

Lyman D. Calkins, Park Street church, West Springfield, December 10, 1873.

Emory G. Chaddock, South Wellfleet, June 3, 1874.

Franklin P. Chapin, First church, Weymouth, October 22, 1873.

Joshua Coit, First church, Lawrence, May 13, 1874.

Alfred B. Dascomb, Winchester, March 4, 1874.

Thomas A. Emerson, First church, Braintree, May 7, 1874.

Benson M. Frink, Washington Street church, Beverly, October 1, 1873.

J. Lambdin Harris, Grantville, June 18, 1874.

Stephen Harris, Philipston, Nov. 20, 1873.
Henry A. Hazen, Billerica, May 21, 1874.
John R. Herrick, D. D., South Hadley, April 16, 1874.
Wilbur Johnson, First church, Royalston, June 3, 1874.
Joseph Lanman, Westhampton, June 3, 1874.
William W. Lyle, Duxbury, November 5, 1873.
F. Barrows Makepeace, Gloucester, June 3, 1874.
Asa Mann, Raynham, December 30, 1873.
Elbridge W. Merritt, Hardwick, June 5, 1873.
[Alpha Morton, Oakham, December 18, 1872, seems to have been wrongly given as dismissed in last year's Minutes.]
Wellington Newell, East Charlemont, September 3, 1873.
Edward Norton, Quincy, June 16, 1874.
Moses Patten, Carlisle, hitherto returned as acting pastor, is now said to have been installed October 27, 1870.
Webster K. Pierce, Brimfield, April 30, 1874.
Edward N. Pomeroy, First church, West Springfield, November 18, 1873.
Hiram B. Putnam, Tabernacle church, Salem, December 31, 1873.
H. Allen Shorey, Spencer, September 16, 1873.
Irem W. Smith, Otis, September 3, 1873.
Henry A. Stevens, Brighton, June 11, 1874.
Joshua W. Wellman, D. D., Malden, March 25, 1874.
John Willard, Marlborough, December 30, 1873.
George F. Wright, Free church, Andover, June 8, 1873.

PASTORS DISMISSED:

Edwin C. Bissell, Winchester, September 2, 1873.
Lyman H. Blake, Rowley, April 27, 1874.
Daniel J. Bliss, Holland, May 19, 1874.
M. Bradford Boardman, Brinfield, October 31, 1873.
Elbridge Bradbury, Sandisfield, November 25, 1873.
James Brand, Danvers.
S. Ingersoll Briant, Sharon.
Albert Bryant, Everett, May 13, 1874.
Nelson Clark, First church, Rochester, September 2, 1873.
Solon Cobb, Mystic church, Medford, May 12, 1874.
Joshua Coit, Brookfield, October 8, 1873.
Henry Cummings, Rutland, July 1, 1873.
James R. Danforth, Newtonville, April 15, 1874.
Theodore L. Day, First church, Holyoke, June 24, 1874.
Zachary Eddy, D. D., Central church, Chelsea, 1873.
Jonathan Edwards, Dedham, April 13, 1874.
Rufus Emerson, Granby, April 23, 1874.
Joshua Emery, First church, Weymouth, October 22, 1873.
Caleb E. Fisher, First church, Lawrence, September 10, 1873.
John H. Garman, North Orange, last year reported as an installed pastor, is now reported as acting pastor.
Thomas G. Grassie, Methuen, August 7, 1873.

William D. Herrick, North church, Amherst, 1874.
James M. Hubbard, Grantville, January 13, 1874.
Henry W. Jones, Swampscott, June 3, 1874.
Edward A. Lawrence, D. D., Third church, Marblehead, September 1, 1873.
George Lyman, church of South Amherst, December 15, 1873.
Lucian D. Mears, Sterling, September 9, 1873.
David T. Packard, Brighton, August 11, 1873.
Horace Parker, Pepperell, September 16, 1873.
Benjamin A. Robie, Wilmington, April 9, 1874.
James C. Seagrave, East Marshfield, March 17, 1874.
Henry A. Stevens, Brockton, 1874.
Clarendon A. Stone, Southville, March 19, 1874.
Joshua W. Wellman, D. D., Eliot church, Newton, October 23, 1873.
Rufus P. Wells, Southampton, January 27, 1874.

MINISTERS DECEASED (to June 30, 1874):

JESSE KENDALL BRAGG, pastor at Norfolk. Born in Royalston, Mass., October 11, 1811; son of Nathaniel and Polly (Kendall) Bragg. Graduated at Amherst College, 1838; Union Theological Seminary, 1841. Ordained pastor at Lakeville, Mass., October 19, 1842; dismissed in 1852. Pastor at Brookfield, Mass., September 14, 1852, to January 3, 1860. Acting pastor at Sandwich, Mass., 1861 to 1862. Was some time associate editor of the *Boston Recorder*. Pastor at Norfolk, Mass., September 22, 1869, until his death at that place, June 14, 1874. He had tendered his resignation of his pastorate on account of his il health, but he had not been dismissed.

WILLARD BRIGHAM, without charge. Born in Marlborough (now Hudson), Mass., May 4, 1813, son of Willard and Betsey (Russell) Brigham. Graduated at Williams College, 1838; at Andover Theological Seminary, 1842. Ordained pastor at North Wardsboro', Vt., 24th May, 1843, remaining until 1855. Pastor at Ashfield, Mass., March 12, 1856, to November 5, 1863. Acting pastor at Wendell, Mass., 1864 to 1867. Acting pastor at South Wellfleet, Mass., 1867 to 1869. Acting pastor of First church, Winchendon, Mass., 1869 to 1871. Resided, without charge, at Winchendon, until died there, March 2, 1874.

ARCHIBALD BURPEE, acting pastor at Housatonic. Born in Douglas, New Brunswick, November 26, 1828; son of John and Hannah (McCallum) Burpee. Cong. Coll. Br. No. Am. 1855. Ordained, at Sheffield, New Brunswick, October 2, 1855. Was pastor of Second Cong. church, Montreal, C. W., October, 1855, to July, 1857; Cobourg, C. W., July, 1857, to September, 1863; Yarmouth, N. S., September 30, 1863, to October, 1869. Acting pastor at Abington, Mass., April, 1870, to April, 1871. Agent of Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, June, 1871, to April, 1872. Acting pastor at Housatonic, April, 1872, until his death, at that place, December 1, 1873.

NATHANIEL COGSWELL, without charge. Born in Atkinson, N. H., March 5, 1796; son of Dr. William and Judith (Badger) Cogswell. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1819. Studied theology with his brother, Rev. Dr. William Cogswell. Ordained pastor of the Congregational church, Yarmouth, Mass., April 24, 1822; dismissed December 15, 1851. Resided, without charge, at Yarmouth, from that time until his death, at that place, March 25, 1874.

ABEL GATES DUNCAN, without charge. Born in Chester, Vt., June 25, 1802; son of Jason (Jr.) and Sarah (Gates) Duncan, graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1828. Ordained May 13, 1829, and was acting pastor at Jackson, Me., from that date until 1833. Pastor at Hanover, Mass., August 22, 1833; dismissed May 1, 1854. Acting pastor at Assonet, Mass, 1856 to 1867; and at Scotland Parish, in Bridgewater, 1867 to 1873. In June, 1873, he removed, with his family, to Hanover, Mass., and there lived, without charge, until his death at that place, April 23, 1874.

THOMAS LONG ELLIS, pastor at Paxton. Born in Buckfield, Me., October 21, 1825; son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Long) Ellis. He was not educated at College. Graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary, 1853. Was temporarily a teacher, and afterwards supplied missionary places in Maine and New Hampshire. In this service he was supply at Harpswell, Me., July to September, 1857; Stockton, Me., December, 1857, to July, 1858; Cooper, Me., September to December, 1858. He was ordained, without installation, June 9, 1859, while supplying at Princeton, Me., where he was from December 11, 1858, to December 4, 1859. Acting pastor, Harrison and Naples, Me., May 19, 1861, to May 19, 1862; was resting at Turner, Me, from that date to November, 1863. Acting pastor, Kittery, Me, November 15, 1863 to 1868. Acting pastor, North Scituate, R. I., 1868, to June 1, 1871. Pastor at Paxton, Mass., September 26, 1871, until his death, at Paxton, November 12, 1873.

STEPHEN HARRIS, pastor at Phillipston. Born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., January 27, 1830. Graduated at Amherst College, 1858; Andover, 1861. Ordained pastor at Windham, Vt., October 24, 1861; dismissed March 4, 1869. Acting pastor at West Suffield, Ct., May, 1869, to 1870. Acting pastor at Indian Orchard, Mass., 1871 to 1873. Pastor at Phillipston, Mass., November 20, 1873, until his death, by railway accident, in Athol, Mass., June 27, 1874.

ISAAC FARWELL HOLTON, without charge. Born in Westminster, Vt., August 30, 1812; son of William and Olive (Rockwood) Holton. Graduated at Amherst College, 1836; Union Theological Seminary, 1839. Teacher, New York city, 1839 to 1845. In 1848 occupied the Chair of Botany in a New York Medical School. In 1852 went to South America, on a botanical expedition, and remained two years. Was stated supply at Meredith Village, N. H., 1855 to 1856. Professor of Chemistry and Natural History, Middlebury College, 1856 to 1857. Acting pastor, Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, Ill., 1858 to 1861. Ordained, Presbyterian, May 1, 1860. Acting pastor, Alden, Ill., 1861–2; at Hill's Grove, Ill., 1862 to 1864. In literary pursuits and editing, in Boston, Mass., residing in the vicinity, 1865, until his death, at his residence in Everett, Mass., January 25, 1874.

ELIAS CORNELIUS HOOKER, pastor. Born in Bennington, Vt., July 9, 1832; son of Rev. Dr. Edward William and Faith Trumbull (Huntington) Hooker. (Rev. Edward W. Hooker, Middlebury College, 1814, D. D.; Williams, 1840; Andover, 1817.) Graduated Williams College, 1857, Princeton Seminary, 1859. Ordained pastor of North Congregational Church, Newburyport, Mass., December 11, 1860; dismissed (?). Pastor of First Church, Nashua, N. H., September 14, 1865, to August 13, 1868; was in no permanent service until June 16, 1870, when he was installed pastor of the church at Stockbridge, Mass, with which he remained until his death, at that place, December 5, 1873.

LUTHER KEENE, pastor at Franklin. Born in Milo, Me., January 30, 1830; son of Luther and Lydia (Hopkins) Keene. Graduated at Amherst College, 1859; Bangor Seminary, 1862. Ordained pastor of Union Church, North Brookfield, Mass., February 11, 1863; dismissed June 4, 1867. Pastor at Franklin, October 9, 1867, until his death, at that place, April 17, 1874.

EDWARD NORRIS KIRK, D. D., pastor in Boston. Born in New York city, August 14, 1802; son of George and Mary (Norris) Kirk. Graduated at the College of New Jersey, 1820 (D. D. Amherst, 1855); studied law a year and a half; entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and graduated in 1825. Began his ministerial labors in Albany, N. Y., where he was eventually ordained pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Oct. 23, 1828; remained pastor until 1837. Went to Europe, and became Secretary of the Foreign Evangelical Society. After the termination of this service, he preached in Boston, coming to Boston June 26, 1840, and was installed pastor of Mount Vernon Church, Boston, on the day of its organization, June 1, 1842, and remained such until his death, in Boston, March 27, 1874. During the last three years a colleague had relieved him of the duties of the pastorate.

ELIHU PARISH MARVIN, D. D., editor. Born in Lyme, Conn., March 27, 1819; son of Mather (M. D.) and Matilda (Vreeland) Marvin. Western Reserve Coll., 1842 (D. D., Dartmouth, 1866). Was stated supply of Congregational Church, Lima, Mich., from October 26, 1844 (in which service he was ordained, Presbyterian, July 23, 1845), and stated supply of First Presbyterian Church, Coldwater, Mich., ending in 1851. Pastor of First Trinitarian (Cong.) Church, Medford, Mass., February 25, 1852, till Nov. 8, 1865. An editor and proprietor of the *Congregational Review*, 1860 to 1869. Editor and publisher of the *Boston Recorder*, 1865 to May, 1867. In secular business 1867 to 1869. Editor and a proprietor of the *Daily News*, Boston, 1869, until his death at his residence in Wellesley, May 11, 1874.

CHARLES NEWMAN, without charge. Born in Egremont, Mass., April 9, 1831. Graduated at Williams College, 1851; Andover, 1857. Ordained pastor, Torringford, Conn., May 18, 1858; dismissed October 28, 1862. Acting pastor, New Lebanon, N. Y., 1862 to July 16, 1863; at Lanesborough, Mass., October 15, 1863, to 1872; West Stockbridge Village, Mass., 1872, until a very short time before his death, which occurred at that place, May 20, 1874.

JOHN USHER PARSONS, without charge. Born in Parsonsfield, Me., November 1, 1806; son of Stephen Parsons. Bowdoin College, 1827; Andover, 1831. Ordained for Home Missionary service, by Presbytery, in New York city, September 12, 1831. Home Missionary in Indiana, 1831 to 1834. Pastor at Berkeley, Mass., 1836 to 1838. Home Missionary in Wisconsin, 1838 to 1842, and in Georgia, 1844 to 1852. Acting pastor at Hyannis, Mass., 1852 to 1855. Was in the troubles in Kansas, 1855 to 1857. Acting pastor at Bristol, Me., 1858 to 1861, and at Sanford, Me., 1861 to 1863. Evangelist, residing at North Acton, Me., 1863, to September, 1869, and at Wellesley, wholly or in part, from that time until his death there, May 21, 1874. His life had mainly been in evangelistic labors. In 1867 he wrote to the compiler that he had preached in more than six hundred different towns and cities, in every State east of the Mississippi, and in four States beyond, and in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Of the

ministers who were ancestors of Rev. John U. Parsons were, — Rev. Joseph (H. C. 1697), minister at Lebanon, Conn., and at Salisbury, Mass., 1718–'39; Rev. Joseph (H. C. 1720), minister at Bradford, Mass., 1726–'65; Rev. Zachariah Symmes, of Charlestown, Mass., 1634–'71; Rev. William Thompson, of Braintree, Mass., 1639–'68.

WEBSTER PATTERSON, pastor at Lynn. Born in Vershire, Vt., October 8, 1841; son of William and Ruth (Adams) Patterson. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1865; Andover Theological Seminary, 1868. Began as acting pastor, Chestnut Street Church, Lynn, in 1869. Ordained at Lynn, Mass., without installation, April 28, 1870. Continued with that church, and was installed its pastor June 12, 1873; died in office, at Lynn, September 25, following.

DAVID PECK, pastor at Sunderland. Born in Greenwich, Conn., February 16, 1825. Graduated at Yale College, 1849; at Yale Divinity School, 1852. Ordained pastor at Orange, Mass., October 13, 1852, remaining until May 25, 1857. Acting pastor, Woodbridge, Conn., December 15, 1857, to June 15, 1858. Pastor of the Second Church, Danbury, Conn., June 23, 1858, to January 2, 1861. Pastor at Barre, Mass., April 16, 1861, to November 25, 1867. Pastor at Sunderland, Mass., December 18, 1867, until died there January 31, 1874.

JONAS PERKINS, without charge. Born in North Bridgewater (now Brockton), Mass., October 15, 1790; son of Josiah and Anna (Reynolds) Perkins. Graduated at Brown University, 1813; studied theology with Rev. Otis Thompson of Rehoboth. Ordained pastor of the Union Church of Weymouth and Braintree, June 14, 1815, remaining until October 21, 1860, when he retired from active work. Died in Braintree, June 26, 1874.

NATHAN WEBB SHELDON, without charge. Born in Woolwich, Me., October 19, 1792; son of William and Sarah (Webb) Sheldon. Graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary, 1822. Ordained pastor at Brownville, Me., June 2, 1824; dismissed March 20, 1833. Acting pastor at Cherryfield, Me., 1833 to 1834; and at Rumford, Me., March 24, 1834, to 1837. Installed pastor at Gray, Me., January 22, 1839; dismissed October 25, 1843. Was not afterwards settled, but did pastoral service with (mainly) Missionary Churches. The Maine Minutes give service as follows: in some instances, in two places at once; North Augusta, 1845 to 1847; Sidney and Vassalborough, 1845 to 1849; Windsor, 1850 to 1851; Washington, 1851 to 1855; Readfield and Raymond, 1854 to 1856; Bremen, 1855 to 1857; Waldoboro', 1856 to 1857; Parsonsfield in 1857. He was acting pastor in Stoddard, N. H., 1858 to 1860; at Dublin, N. H., 1860 to 1861. Again in Maine, Harrison, 1862 to 1863; Brownville, 1863 to 1864; Monmouth, 1864; Litchfield, 1865: Bradford, 1866 to 1867. In 1867 he removed to Natick, Mass., where his eldest daughter, Mrs. M. G. Nash, resides, and lived there until his death at that place, November 26, 1873.

RICHARD SALTER STORRS, D. D., pastor at Braintree. Born in Longmeadow, Mass., February 6, 1787; son of Rev. Richard Salter and Sarah (Williston) Storrs.*

* Rev. Richard Salter Storrs (father of D. Storrs of Braintree), Y. C. 1782, was pastor at Longmeadow, Mass., Dec. 7, 1785, until his death, October 3, 1819. His father, Rev. John Storrs, Y. C. 1756, was pastor at Southold, Conn., 1763 to 1787. Other ancestors, on the paternal side, were Rev. Richard Mather, pastor at Dorchester, Mass., 1636 to his death in 1669; Rev. Eleazer Mather, H. C. 1656, pastor at Northampton, Mass., 1659 to 1669; Rev. John Williams, H. C.

Graduated at Williams College 1807 (D. D. 1835); and at Andover Theological Seminary 1810, in the first class, of which he was the last surviving graduate. Ordained pastor of the First Church, Braintree, Mass., July 3, 1811, and died in office at that place, August 18, 1873. He had been assisted in the duties of the pastorate from October, 1866, until the summer of 1869, from which date he relinquished its active duties.

JOHN TODD, D. D., pastor at Pittsfield. Born in Rutland, Vt, October 9, 1800; son of Dr. Timothy and Phebe (Buel) Todd. Graduated at Yale College, 1822; Andover Theological Seminary, 1825; D. D., Williams, 1845. Ordained pastor at Groton, Mass., January 3, 1827, remaining until January, 1833. Pastor of Edwards Church, Northampton, Mass., January 30, 1833, to September, 1836. Pastor of First Congregational Church, Philadelphia, Pa., November 17, 1836, to November 1, 1841. Pastor of First Church, Pittsfield, Mass, February 16, 1842, until his death, in Pittsfield, August 24, 1873. Rev. John E. Todd, of New Haven, Conn., is his son.

SAMUEL HOWE TOLMAN, pastor at Lenox. Born in Dunstable, Mass., August 12, 1826; only son of Rev. Samuel Howe and Rachel (Damon) Tolman. (Rev. Samuel H. Tolman, Sr., D. C. 1806, was pastor at Shirley, Mass., 1815 to 1818; Dunstable, Mass., 1822 to 1829; South Merrimack, N. H., 1829 to 1836; Atkinson, N. H., 1836 to 1839.) Graduated, D. C. 1848; Andover Theological Seminary, 1852. City Missionary, Bath, Me., 1853 to 1855. Ordained pastor, Wilmington, Mass., August 14, 1856, remaining until 1870. Pastor at Lenox, Mass, April 2, 1872, and had not been dismissed at the time of his death. His mind became shattered, and October 6, 1873, at Nelson, N. H., he committed suicide. Full notice of this esteemed brother is in the *Congregational Quarterly*, January, 1874.

JOSEPH TRACY, D. D., without charge. Born in Hartford, Vt., November 3, 1794; son of Joseph and Ruth (Carter) Tracy. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1814; (D. D., Univ. Vt., 1859). Ordained pastor of the churches of Thetford and West Fairlee, Vt., June 26, 1821; dismissed in 1829. Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle*, 1829 to 1834, and of *Boston Recorder*, 1834 to 1837. Secretary of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, 1842, until his death at Beverly, Mass., March 24, 1874.

The ages range from that of Patterson, 31 years 10 months and 27 days, to that of Storrs, 86 years 6 months and 12 days; and the ministerial ages from, of the same persons, 3 years 4 months and 7 days, to 62 years 1 month and 15 days.

The following table gives the numbers and averages for the twenty-one years of our (corrected) records. The average age this year is more than four years less than the average of the preceding ten; and the average ministerial age nearly seven years less.

1683, pastor at Deerfield, Mass., 1686 to 1729; Rev. Eleazer Williams, H. C. 1708, pastor at Mansfield, Conn., 1710 to 1742. The grandfather of Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, Rev. Noah Williston, Y. C. 1757, was pastor at West Haven, Conn., 1760 to 1811. The only son of Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, is Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

TABLE OF DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

Year.	Number.	Average Age.	Average Ministerial Age.
1874	22	60 4 8	31 2 25
1873	19	66 7 2	35 5 18
1872	20	68 4 17	39 5 8
1871	8	57 9	30 5 27
1870	23	61 1	31 5 11
1869	17	66 3	37 11 17
1868	6	74 8	44 9 0
1867	17	68 3	42 4 3
1866	18	62 6	32 6 21
1865	7	62 3	33 2 25
1864	7	59 10	30 9 25
1863	12	54 0	24 10 7
1862	10	59 7	31 6 15
1861	11	62 0	33 11 12
1860	15	64 6	37 6 25
1859	8	60 3	32 3 17
1858	5	67 5	39 6 10
1857	7	65 5	38 0 2
1856	10	65 2	37 1 12
1855	12	69 7	41 9 15
1854	11	52 4	24 11 2
21 years.	265	62 6 22	35 0 10

The year is that ending with June or July.

Of these, there were under thirty years of age, 6; thirty and under forty, 22; forty and under fifty, 34; fifty and under sixty, 31; sixty and under seventy, 63; seventy and under eighty, 61; eighty and under ninety, 42; ninety and upwards, 6.

NOTES.

THE columns of pastoral supply, in the tables by counties, are this year corrected to June 30.

The facilities of printers allowing them to have all the pages of this issue in type at once, the several lists of Associations, tables by counties, and alphabetical list of ministers have been carefully compared, so as to secure uniformity. The tables of the churches by counties were placed, in proofs, in the hands of the delegates at the session, and corrections solicited and obtained.

Thanks are due to the several Scribes of Associations for their zeal in securing returns in season to allow them to be put in type before the session.

Reports were obtained from all the churches save one. The only failure is the South Church in Ipswich. The Secretary had hoped to have secured returns from all, but this one church necessitated a disappointment. The conscience of the Scribe of Essex South and that of the Secretary are untroubled by lack of effort.

The report shows a cheerful gain in *church membership*, net gain 1,015, against a gain of 11 the year previous. Nor does this include the results of the many revivals of the past winter. The number of *absentees* has diminished, so that the net gain of *residents* is 1,814. The diminishing of absentees is greatly due to the resolute dropping of names of unknown persons charitably supposed to be dead.

In *Sabbath Schools* there is a gain of 2,150, — against a loss, in the previous year, of 687.

The *Benevolent Contributions* have diminished by $42,248.88. This can hardly be surprising, considering (1) that the year commenced with the January following the great fire in Boston, which affected a circle far beyond that city; and (2) the severe financial depression of the year.

The *pastorate* is nearly as last year. The number of *acting pastors* is 11 less this year, and of *vacant churches*, 12 more. But this is hardly more than nominal, inasmuch as this year 14 of the vacant churches are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations, while last year we counted but 3 such; the change is mainly due to a more rigid and careful returning of various persons to their own denominations on our lists.

The number of *ministers deceased*, 22, has been exceeded but once in the twenty years next previous, and then by but one. The number of *pastors* deceased, 11, has never been equalled. The average annual number of deaths in the twenty-one years has been a fraction less than thirteen.

The continued table of *summaries of past years* will be found on a page following.

Last year there were in our List of Ministers the names of twenty-four persons who were also members of Presbyteries. Of this number, six names have disappeared by removals, and one by death; and one has been added. Five of the eighteen remaining are necessarily Congregationalists by position as installed pastors of Congregational Churches. To each of the remainder a request was sent, in accordance with directions from the General Association, for information whether the person wished to be enrolled on our alphabetical list as a Congregational

minister. Two reply that they are Presbyterians, and do not wish to be enrolled as Congregationalists. Two had previously been dismissed from Presbyteries, and one writes that he is not a member of Presbytery. Six request to be enrolled as Congregational ministers. Of the two remaining, one has removed from the State, makes no reply, and his name is dropped; and one is retained from doubt whether the request was received. Except therefore the one name (Rev. Joseph F. Jennison), no member of another denomination is this year enrolled in our alphabetical list of ministers, except installed pastors and such as have desired to be so enrolled as being Congregational ministers.

The Secretary may be permitted to express his thanks for the kind vote adopted by the General Association in reference to his continuous official services for the past eighteen years, and of the unanimous ballot by which he was re-chosen for a new term of three years. So far as the historical and statistical work is concerned, the same vote should be understood to include the Scribes of the Conferences and Associations, without whose cheerful and faithful labor this work would have been impossible.

The Secretary can but notice that he has chronicled by name the decease of 254 fathers and brethren in the ministry, and the number of 25,171 brethren and sisters in the churches, gone to their rest; and on the other hand, of 54,011 admissions on profession of faith, and of the baptisms of 22,821 children; and that the membership in our Sabbath Schools has increased by 26,499.

A. H. Q.

GENERAL TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

YEAR.	Churches.				Ministers.				Church Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Bapt.		In Sab. Schs.		Benev. Contributions.
	With Pas.	With A.P.	Vacant.	Total	Pastors.	Act. Pas.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Total	Av. at.	
1874	307	116	85	508	314	116	166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	$394,110.60
1873	307	127	73	507	316	127	173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,297	915	90,496	58,405	436,359.48
1872	299	123	81	503	304	123	164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3.606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479.35
1871	292	134	75	501	297	134	166	597	25 152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2.009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	339,829.84
1870	294	119	89	502	298	117	176	591	24,915	55,151	80.066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,819 62
1869	311	116	73	500	314	115	172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61.149	300,092.80
1868	301	113	82	496	307	112	156	575	24,734	54,792	79.526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,179	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,780	298,533.04
1867	295	114	87	496	300	113	154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,644	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	3,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,321.72
1866	310	109	74	493	316	107	166	589	23,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3.108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244.09
1865	313	100	76	489	318	101	147	566	23,488	51.730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86 187	58,284	
1864	317	99	73	489	324	98	164	586	22,965	48,989	74,119	11,511	2,145	1,459	3,604	1,429	1,473	109	3.011	1,011	1,057	86.962		
1863	320	111	58	489	323	110	163	596	22,262	48,520	73.479	11,520	1,523	1,404	2.928	1,187	1,390	92	2.756	660	992	82,905		
1862	315	97	79	491	323	95	157	575	23,218	49,976	74,243	11,890	1,346	1,502	2.841	1,225	1,357	87	2,669	646	1,066	82.909		
1861	327	99	64	490	322	81	169	572	24,112	51.525	75,637	10,999	976	1,676	2,652	1,233	1,598	131	2,962	469	1.177	82,159		
1860	325	81	82	488	333	78	176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3.110	780	1,293	80,124		
1859	325	79	81	485	340	78	168	586	24,168	51,434	76,784	10,553	8,811	2,529	11,340	1,188	2,410	78	3,676	4,095	1,719	80,285		
1858	348	64	70	482	358	63	129	550	21,426	46,668	69,176	10,614	2,993	2,027	5,020	1,135	1,949	87	3.171	1,293	1,411	73.210		
1857	344	56	73	473	350	60	150	560	21.057	47,548	68.089	10,389	1,848	1,710	3,558	1,181	1,849	155	3,185	795	1,370	70,187		
1856	345	65	63	473	356	63	139	558	20,565	45,391	68.515	9,534	2,444	1,790	4,234	1.082	1,801	101	2,984	1,052	1,279	66,862		
1855	351	54	62	467	366	55	135	556	20,999	45,218	69 509	8,756	1,713	1.618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1854	350	49	64	463	369	46	144	543	22,645	45,037	68.477	*6,513	1,681	2,063	3,744	974	1,151	91	2,216	719	1,203	65.297		
1853	359	54	48	461	374	51	117	542	21,801	46,272	68,183	*6,702	2,114	1,775	3,889	1,111	1,592	193	2,706	774	1,318	66,048		
1852	337	62	62	461	347	69					67.009		1,674	1,599	3,273	979	1,384	81	2,444	641	1,251	65,429		
1851	348	63	50	461	359	65					67.297		3,449	1,975	5,424	949	1,589	110	2,648	1,371	1,477	66,427		
1850	347	58	56	461	356	56					64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845				440							65,467											62,108		
1840				408							62,513											62,305		
1835				387							49,089											44,040		
1830				347							37,986											34,787		

Prior to 1830, number of churches at given dates: In 1620, — 1; 1630, — 2; 1635, — 13; 1640, — 26; 1650, — 39; 1700, — 83; 1750, — 239; 1790, — 324; 1800, — 343; 1810, — 281, having dropped all that became Unitarian); 1820, — 291; 1825, — 310.

In the above table, — the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions," cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The pastoral supply (only) was regularly corrected to a date some months later than January 1 (usually July), but this does not change the general accuracy in any case.

* Absentees prior to 1855 doubtless stated too low.

INDEX OF ALL TOWNS AND CITIES

IN MASSACHUSETTS,*

AND OF SUCH PARTS OF TOWNS (HAVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES) AS HAVE DISTINCT NAMES.

The county is here given, in italics. The statistics of churches in any town will be found in the County tables (pages 101–115). The *number* affixed to any town, in this list, is the number of the Conference (pages 71–80) with which its churches are connected. If no such number is given, the church is not connected with a Conference. "No church" means only "no Congregational church." The population of such towns, by census of 1870, is given in parenthesis.

Abington, *Plymouth*, 15.
Acton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Acushnet, *Bristol*; *no church* in the *town*, but New Bedford 1st is in Acushnet *village*. (1132.)
Adams, *Berkshire*, 3.
Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Alford, *Berkshire*, 4.
Amesbury, *Essex*, 6.
Amherst, *Hampshire*, 11.
Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Arlington, *Middlesex*, 18.
Ashburnham, *Worcester*, *M*.
Ashby, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ashfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Ashland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assonet, in Freetown, *Bristol*, 21.
Athol, *Worcester*, 24.
Attleborough, *Bristol*, 21.
Auburn, *Worcester*, 23.
Auburndale, in Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Ayer, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ballardvale, in Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Barre, *Worcester*, 5.
Becket, *Berkshire*, 3, 4.
Bedford, *Middlesex*, 22.
Beech Woods, in Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Belchertown, *Hampshire*, 11.
Belleville, in Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
Bellingham, *Norfolk*; *no church*. (1282.)
Belmont, *Middlesex*, 20.
Berkley, *Bristol*, 21.
Berlin, *Worcester*, 23.
Bernardston, *Franklin*, 8.
Beverley, *Essex*, 7.
Billerica, *Middlesex*, 22.
Blackstone, *Worcester*, 25.
Blandford, *Hampden*, 9.
Bolton, *Worcester*; *no church*. (1014.)
Boston, *Suffolk*, 18, 19, 20.
Boxborough, *Middlesex*, 14.
Boxford, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Boylston, *Worcester*, 23.
Bradford, *Essex*, 6.
Braintree, *Norfolk*, 15.
Brewster, *Barnstable*; *no church*. (1259.)
Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15, 21.
Brighton, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 20.
Brimfield, *Hampden*, 5.
Brockton, *Plymouth*, 15.
Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Brookline, *Norfolk*, 20.
Buckland, *Franklin*, 8.
Burlington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Byfield, in Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Cambridge, *Middlesex*, 18.
Campello, in Brockton, *Plymouth*, 15.
Canton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Carlisle, *Middlesex*, 22.
Carver, *Plymouth* 17.
Centreville, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.

* The Secretary of the Commonwealth kindly furnished, this year, the official list of all the towns and cities, including the several changes made by the Legislature of 1874. This list is therefore complete and reliable. A comparison showed that our last year's list was strictly correct. The sub divisions of towns and cities (in each case followed by "in") were inserted by the compiler of the statistics.

Charlemont, *Franklin*, 8.
Charlestown, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 18.
Charlton, *Worcester*, 5.
Chatham, *Barnstable*, 2.
Chelmsford, *Middlesex*, 1.
Chelsea, *Suffolk*, 18.
Cheshire, *Berkshire; no church.* (1758.)
Chester, *Hampden*, 9.
Chesterfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Chicopee, *Hampden*, 6.
Chilmark, *Dukes*, 16.
Chiltonville, in Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Clarksburg, *Berkshire; no church.* (686.)
Clinton, *Worcester*, 23.
Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Coleraine, *Franklin*, 8.
Concord, *Middlesex*, 13.
Conway, *Franklin*, 8.
Cummington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Curtisville, in Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Dalton, *Berkshire*, 3.
Dana, *Worcester*, 5.
Danvers, *Essex*, 7
Dartmouth, *Bristol*, 16.
Dedham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Deerfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Dennis, *Barnstable*, 1.
Dighton, *Bristol*, 21.
Dorchester, Ward 16, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Douglas, *Worcester*, 25.
Dover, *Norfolk*, 13.
Dracut, *Middlesex*, 1.
Dudley, *Worcester*, 5.
Dunstable, *Middlesex*, 14.
Duxbury, *Plymouth*, 17.
East Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Eastham, *Barnstable no church.* (668.)
Easthampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Easton, *Bristol*, 15.
Edgartown, *Dukes*, 16.
Egremont, *Berkshire*, 4.
Enfield, *Hampshire*, 11.
Erving, *Franklin*, 8.
Essex, *Essex*, 7.
Everett, *Middlesex*, 18.
Fairhaven, *Bristol*, 16.
Fall River, *Bristol*, 21.
Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Feeding Hills, in Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Fitchburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Florence, in Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Florida, *Berkshire no church.* (1322.)
Foxborough, *Norfolk*, 12.
Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Franklin, *Norfolk*, 12.
Freetown, *Bristol*, 21.
Gardner, *Worcester*, 24.
Gay Head, *Dukes no church.* (160.)
Georgetown, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Gilbertville, in Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Gill, *Franklin*, 8.
Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Goshen, *Hampshire*, 10.
Gosnold, *Dukes; no church.* (99.)
Grafton, *Worcester*, 25.
Granby, *Hampshire*, 11.
Grantville, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 20.
Granville, *Hampden*, 9.
Great Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Greenfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Greenwich, *Hampshire*, 11.
Groton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Groveland, *Essex*, 6.
Hadley, *Hampshire*, 11.
Halifax, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hamilton, *Essex*, 7.
Hancock, *Berkshire; no church.* (882.)
Hanover, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hanson, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Harwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Harvard, *Worcester*, 14.
Hatfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Haverhill, *Essex*, 6.
Hawley, *Franklin*, 8.
Haydenville, in Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Heath, *Franklin*, 8.
Hingham, *Plymouth*, 15.
Hinsdale, *Berkshire*, 3.
Holbrook, *Norfolk*, 15.
Holden, *Worcester*, 22.
Holland, *Hampden*, 5.
Holliston, *Middlesex*, 13.
Holyoke, *Hampden*, 9.
Hopkinton, *Middlesex*, 13.
Housatonic, in Gt. Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Hubbardston, *Worcester*, 24.
Hudson, *Middlesex no church.* (3389.)
Hull, *Plymouth; no church.* (261.)
Huntingdon, *Hampshire*, 10.
Hyannis, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Hyde Park, *Norfolk*, 19.
Indian Orchard, in Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Ipswich, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Jamaica Plain, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Kingston, *Plymouth*, 17.
Lakeville, *Plymouth*, 21.
Lancaster, *Worcester*, 14.
Lanesborough, *Berkshire*, 3.
Lanesville, in Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.

Lawrence, *Essex*, 1.
Lee, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leicester, *Worcester*, 23.
Lenox *Berkshire*, 4.
Leominster, *Worcester*, 14.
Leverett, *Franklin*, 8, 11.
Lexington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Leyden, *Franklin; no church.* (518.)
Lincoln, *Middlesex*, 13.
Linebrook, in Ipswich, *Essex*, 6.
Littleton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Longmeadow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lovell's Corner, in Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Lowell, *Middlesex*, 1.
Ludlow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lunenburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Lynn, *Essex*, 7.
Lynnfield, *Essex*, 7.
Malden, *Middlesex*, 22.
Manchester, *Essex*, 7.
Mansfield, *Bristol*, 12.
Marblehead, *Essex*, 7.
Marion, *Plymouth*, 16.
Marlborough, *Middlesex*, 13.
Marshfield, *Plymouth*, 17.
Mashpee, *Barnstable; no church.* (348.)
Mattapoisett, *Plymouth*, 16.
Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Medfield, *Norfolk*, 12.
Medford, *Middlesex*, 22.
Medway, *Norfolk*, 12.
Melrose, *Middlesex*, 22.
Mendon, *Worcester; no church.* (1175.)
Methuen, *Essex*, 1.
Middleborough, *Plymouth*, 16, 21.
Middlefield, *Hampshire*, 3.
Middleton, *Essex*, 7.
Milford, *Worcester*, 12.
Millbury, *Worcester*, 25.
Miller's Falls, in Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Mill River, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Mittineague, in W. Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Monroe, *Franklin; no church.* (201.)
Monson, *Hampden*, 9.
Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Monterey, *Berkshire*, 4.
Montgomery, *Hampden*, 9.
Mt. Washington, *Berkshire; no church.* (256)
Nahant, *Essex; no church.* (475.)
Nantucket, *Nantucket*, 2.
Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Needham, *Norfolk*, 13, 20.
Neponset, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
New Ashford, *Berkshire; no church.* (208.)
New Bedford, *Bristol*, 16.
New Braintree, *Worcester*, 5.
Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Salem, *Franklin*, 8, 24.
Newton, *Middlesex*, 20.
Norfolk, *Norfolk*, 12.
Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
North Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Northborough, *Worcester*, 23.
Northbridge, *Worcester*, 25.
North Brookfield, *Worcester*, 25.
Northfield, *Franklin*, 8.
North Reading, *Middlesex*, 22.
Norton, *Bristol*, 21.
Norwood, *Norfolk*, 19.
Oakham, *Worcester*, 5.
Orange, *Franklin*, 8, 24.
Orleans, *Barnstable*, 2.
Otis, *Berkshire*, 4.
Oxford, *Worcester*, 23.
Packardville, in Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Palmer, *Hampden*, 9.
Paxton, *Worcester*, 23.
Peabody, *Essex*, 7.
Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Pembroke, *Plymouth; no church.* (1447.)
Pepperell, *Middlesex*, 14.
Peru, *Berkshire*, 3.
Petersham, *Worcester*, 24.
Phillipston, *Worcester*, 24.
Pittsfield, *Berkshire*, 3.
Plainfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Plympton, *Plymouth*, 17.
Prescott, *Hampshire*, 11.
Princeton, *Worcester*, 23.
Provincetown, *Barnstable*, 2.
Quincy, *Norfolk*, 15.
Railway Village, in Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Randolph, *Norfolk*, 15.
Raynham, *Bristol*, 21.
Reading, *Middlesex*, 22.
Rehoboth, *Bristol*, 21.
Revere, *Suffolk*, 18.
Richmond, *Berkshire*, 3.
Rochester, *Plymouth*, 16.
Rockland, *Plymouth*, 15.
Rockport, *Essex*, 7.
Rocky Hill, in Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Rowe, *Franklin; no church.* (581.)
Rowley, *Essex*, 6.
Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.

Royalston, *Worcester*, 24.
Russell, *Hampden; no church.* (635.)
Rutland, *Worcester*, 23.
Salem, *Essex*, 7.
Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Saugus, *Essex*, 7.
Saundersville, in Grafton, *Worcester*, 25.
Savoy, *Berkshire; no church.* (861.)
Saxonville, in Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Scituate, *Plymouth*, 17.
Scotland, in Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 21.
Seekonk, *Bristol*, 21.
Sharon, *Norfolk*, 15.
Sheffield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Shelburne, *Franklin*, 8.
Sherborn, *Middlesex*, 13.
Shirley, *Middlesex*, 14.
Shrewsbury, *Worcester*, 23.
Shutesbury, *Franklin*, 8.
Somerset, *Bristol*, 21.
Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
Southampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Southfield, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
South Hadley, *Hampshire*, 9, 11.
South Scituate, *Plymouth; no church.* (1661.)
Southville, in Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southwick, *Hampden*, 9.
Spencer, *Worcester*, 5.
Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Sterling, *Worcester*, 23.
Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Stoneham, *Middlesex*, 22.
Stoughton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Stow, *Middlesex; no church.* (1813.) The church is in that part set off, in 1871, as Maynard.
Sturbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Sudbury, *Middlesex*, 13.
Sunderland, *Franklin*, 8.
Sutton, *Worcester*, 25.
Swampscott, *Essex*, 7.
Swansea, *Bristol; no church.* (1294.)
Taunton, *Bristol*, 21.
Templeton, *Worcester*, 24.
Tewksbury, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tisbury, *Dukes*, 16.
Tolland, *Hampden*, 9.
Topsfield, *Essex*, 7.
Townsend, *Middlesex*, 14.
Truro, *Barnstable*, 2.
Tyngsborough, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tyringham, *Berkshire; no church.* (557.)
Upton, *Worcester*, 25.
Uxbridge, *Worcester*, 25.
Wakefield, *Middlesex*, 22.
Wales, *Hampden; no church.* (831.)
Walpole, *Norfolk*, 12.
Waltham, *Middlesex*, 20.
Waquoit, in Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Ware, *Hampshire*, 5.
Wareham, *Plymouth*, 16.
Warren, *Worcester*, 5.
Warwick, *Franklin*, 8.
Washington, *Berkshire*, 3.
Watertown, *Middlesex*, 20.
Waverley, in Belmont, *Middlesex*, 20.
Wayland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Webster, *Worcester*, 25.
Wellesley, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 13.
Wellfleet, *Barnstable*, 2.
Wendell, *Franklin*, 8.
Wenham, *Essex*, 7.
Westborough, *Worcester*, 25.
West Boylston, *Worcester*, 23.
West Bridgewater, *Plymouth; no church.* (1803.)
West Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Westfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Westford, *Middlesex*, 14.
Westhampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Westminster, *Worcester*, 24.
West Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Weston, *Middlesex; no church.* (1261.)
Westport, *Bristol*, 16.
West Roxbury, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
West Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Whately, *Franklin*, 11.
Whitinsville, in Northbridge, *Worcester*, 26.
Whittenton, in Taunton, *Bristol*, 21.
Wilbraham, *Hampden*, 9.
Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Williamstown, *Berkshire*, 3.
Wilmington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Winchendon, *Worcester*, 24.
Winchester, *Middlesex*, 22.
Windsor, *Berkshire*, 3.
Winter Hill, in Somerville, *Middlesex*, 1.
Winthrop, *Suffolk; no church.* (532.)
Woburn, *Middlesex*, 22.
Worcester, *Worcester*, 23.
Worthington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Wrentham, *Norfolk*, 12.
Yarmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

RESIDENT IN MASSACHUSETTS, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OR COUNTY IN WHICH EACH NAME OCCURS.

This list includes only pastors or acting pastors and members of Associations; and of such only as reside or are in service in this State. Its post-office addresses may differ from the foregoing pages.

A list of members of our Associations residing in other States, follows this list; and an alphabetical list of licentiates follows that.

Some members of Associations, not settled pastors, being officially connected with other denominations, — the name of no such person is here inserted except upon his own request (in answer to letters sent to all such) to be enrolled as a Congregational minister, — in accordance with vote upon page 62; save in one instance where time did not allow of certainty.

A star (*) prefixed to any name in this list denotes that the person, although an "acting pastor," is not a member of any Association in this State.

In this list the *first* column of figures gives the *number* of the *Association of Ministers* with which a person is connected. The Association lists are numbered consecutively in pages 81–99, and the number will be found in the running titles at the top of those pages.

The *second* column of figures in this list gives the *number* of the *County* in which a person will be found to be in *pastoral service*, and these numbers will be found in the running titles of the County tables of churches, pages 101–115. A *blank* in either case signifies, — in the former, that one is not a member of any Association in this State; in the latter, that he is not reported to be in pastoral service in this State.

Abbe, Frederic R., Dorchester,	21,	
Abbott, Edward, Cambridge,	20,	
Adams, George M., Holliston,	14,	9
Adams, Nehemiah, D D., Boston,	21,	13
Adams, William W., D.D., Fall River,	23,	3
Aiken, James, Charlestown,	18,	1
Alden, Ebenezer, Jr., Marshfield,	18,	12
Alden, Edmund K., D.D., So. Boston,	21,	13
Aldrich, Jeremiah K., Groton,	16,	
Allen, Cyrus W., West Hanover,	18,	12
Allen, Ephraim W., West Haverhill,	6,	5
Allen, George E., East Somerville,	20,	
Ames, Marcus, Lancaster,	20,	
Anderson, Rufus, D.D., Boston,	20,	
Andrews, Samuel B., Braintree,	16,	11
Angier, Marshall B, Newburyport,	11,	(?)
Anthony, George N., Peabody,	7	5
*Atkinson, Timothy, Norton,		3
Atwood, Edward S., Salem,	7,	5
Austin, Franklin D, Dunstable,	15,	9
Austin, Samuel J., Warren,	4,	14
Ayres, Rowland, Hadley,	12,	8
Babb, Thomas E., Oxford,		14
Baker, Abijah R., D.D., Dorchester,	20,	
Baker, Smith, Lowell,	1,	9
Bale, Albert G., Melrose,	24,	9
Bancroft, David, Prescott,	12,	8
Barrows, Charles D., Lowell,	1,	9
Barrows, Homer, Andover,	17,	
Barrows, William, D D., Reading,	20,	
Bartlett, Edward O., Pittsfield,	2,	2
Batchelder, John S., Webster,		14
Bates, Alvan J., Saundersville,	27,	14
Batt, William J., Leominster,	15,	14
Beaman, Charles C., Cambridge,	20,	
Beaman, Warren H., Amherst,	12,	
Bean, David M., South Framingham,	14,	9
Beard, Spencer F., Andover,	1,	
Beeber, Thomas R., Georgetown,	6,	5
Beecher, Charles, Georgetown,		5
Bell, James M., North Hadley,	12,	8
Bell, Robert C., Orange,	8,	6
Bell, Samuel, East Attleborough,	23,	3
Bigelow, Andrew, D.D., Southboro',	25,	
Billings, Richard S., Dalton,	2,	2
Bisbee, John H., Huntington,	11,	8
Biscoe, Thomas C., Uxbridge,	27,	14
Bixby, Joseph P., Norwood,	21,	11
Blagden, George W., D.D., Boston,	20,	
Blake, Lyman H., Methuen,	6	

Blake, Mortimer, D.D., Taunton, 23, 3
Bliss, Charles R., Wakefield, 24, 9
Bliss, Daniel J., Holland, 4,
Bliss, J Henry, South Hadley, 12,
Blodgett, Edward P., Greenwich, 12, 8
Boardman, Joseph, West Dracut, 1, 9
Bond, William B., New Braintree, 4, 14
Boyd, Pliny S., Amesbury Mills, 6, 5
Boynton, Francis H., Mill River, 3, 2
Braman, Milton P., D.D., Auburndale, 19,
Bremner, David, Boxford, 18,
Briant, S. Ingersoll, Beverly, 16,
Briggs, William T East Douglas, 27, 14
Brigham, David, South Plymouth, 5, 12
Broad, L. Payson, Baldwinsville, 26,
Brooks, Charles S., South Deerfield, 8, 6
Brown, Josiah W., Charlton, 4,
Brown, Willard D., Gilbertville, 4, 14
Browne, John K., Cambridgeport, 20, 9
Bryant, Albert, Holbrook, 20, 11
Buckingham, Samuel G., D.D., Springfield, 9, 7
Bull, Richard B., West Brookfield, 4, 14
Bullard, Asa, Boston, 20,
Burnham, Michael, Fall River, 23, 3
Burt, Daniel C New Bedford, 17,
Bushnell, William, M.D., Boston, 20,
Butler Daniel, Waverley, 22,
*Bygrave, Hilary, East Milton, 11
Cady, Daniel R., D.D. Arlington, 21, 9
Calkins, Lyman D., W Springfield, 10, 7
Campbell, Randolph, Newburyport, 6, 5
Carter, Clark, Lawrence, 1, 5
Chaddock, Emory G. Wellfleet, 1
Chamberlain, Edw. B., So. Wilbraham, 9, 7
Chapin, Franklin P., No. Weymouth, 16, 11
Chapman, Elias, North Reading, 24,
Chase, Edward, Bedford, 24, 9
Chickering, John W D.D., Wakefield, 24.
*Clark, Asa F., Leverett, 6
Clark, Benjamin F Dracut, 1, 9
Clark, De Witt S., Clinton, 25, 14
Clark, E. Benedict, Chicopee, 9, 7
Clark, James A Lanesborough, 2
Clark, Joseph B., Jamaica Plain, 21, 13
Clark, N George, D.D., Boston, 20,
Clark, Nelson, Rochester, 23,
Clark, Solomon, Plainfield, 11, 8
Clark, Theodore J., Northfield, 8, 6
Clarke, Dorus, D.D., Boston, 20,
Clarke, Edward, Chesterfield. 11,
Clarke, Samuel W., Warwick, 8, 6
Clarke, William B., Milton, 21,
Clary, Timothy F., Mattapan, 17,
Clayes, Dana, Wakefield, 7,
Coan, Leander S., Fall River, 23,
Cobb, Elisha G., Florence, 11,
Cobb, Nathaniel, Kingston, 17,
Cobb, Solon, Medford, 24,
Cobb, William H., Chiltonville, 18, 12
Coggin, William S., Boxford, 19, 5
Colt, Joshua, Lawrence, 5
Colton, Aaron M., Easthampton, 11, 8
Conant, Charles A., East Amherst, 12, 8
Cone, Luther H., Springfield, 9, 7
Cooledge, Charles E., Westminster, 4, 14
Cooley, Henry, Springfield, 10,
Cooley, Henry E., Littleton, 15, 9
Coolidge, Amos H., Leicester, 25, 14
Cornell, William M., M.D., D.D., LL.D., Boston, 16,
Cowles, John P., Ipswich, 6,
Cozzens, Samuel W., D.D., Readville, 18,
Craig, Henry K., Falmouth, 5, 1
*Crane, Henry C., Nantucket, 10
Crawford, Robert, D.D., Deerfield, 8, 6
Crosby Josiah D., Ashburnham, 26,
Cross, Joseph W West Boylston, 25,
Crowther, Thomas, Pittsfield, 2, 2
Cummings, Henry, Rutland, 25,
Cummings, Preston, Leicester, 25,
Currier, Albert H., Lynn, 19, 5
Cushing, Christopher, D.D., Cambridge, 20,
*Cushing, James R., Waquoit, 1
Cushman, Chester L., Ludlow, 9, 7
Cutler, Brainerd B., Wendell, 8, 6
Cutler, Calvin, Auburndale, 22, 9
Cutler, Ebenezer, D.D., Worcester, 25, 14
Cutler, Temple, Athol, 26, 14
Cutler, William H., Freetown, 23 3
Cutter, Marshall M., 65 Devonshire street, Boston, 14,
Dana, J. Jay, Hinsdale, 2,
Dana, Samuel H., Newton Highlands, 21, 9
Daniels, Charles H., Montague, 6
Dascomb, Alfred B., Winchester, 9
Davis, Elnathan, Auburn, 15, 14
Davis, Perley B., Hyde Park, 21, 11
Dawes, Ebenezer, Dighton, 23, 3
*Day, Hiram, Chatham, 1
Day, Theodore L., Holyoke, 10, 7
DeBevoise, Gabriel H., No. Brookfield, 4, 14
DeForest, Heman P. Westborough, 27, 11
Dennen, Stephen R., D.D., Lynn, 19, 5
De Witt, John, Boston, 22, 13
Dexter, Henry M., D.D., New Bedford, 17,
Dexter, H. Morton, Taunton, 23, 3
Dickinson, Henry A., Chester Centre, 10, 7
*Dickinson, Noadiah S., So. Egremont, 2
Dingwell, James, Ashfield, 8, 6
Dodge, Austin, East Bridgewater, 16, 12
Dodge, Benjamin, Wollaston, 16,

Dodge, John W., Yarmouth, 5, 1
Dole, George T., Stockbridge, 3,
Dow, Ezekiel, Becket Centre, 11, 2
Dow, William W., Winchendon, 26,
Dowden, William H., Lunenburg, 24, 14
Dowse, Edmund, Sherborn, 14, 9
Drake, Ellis R., Middleborough, 14 / 23 } 12
Dunham, Isaac, Bridgewater, 17, 12
Dunning, Albert E., Boston Highlands, 21, 13
Durfee, Calvin, D.D., Williamstown, 2,
Dutton, Albert I., East Longmeadow, 9, 7
*Dutton, Horace, Northborough, 14
Dwight, Edward S., D.D., Hadley, 12, 8
Dyer, E. Porter, Shrewsbury, 25, 14
Eastman, David, New Salem, 12, 6
Eastman, John, West Hawley, 8, 6
Eastman, Lucius R., Boston, 16,
Eastman, Lucius R, Jr., Framingham, 14, 9
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Medfield, 13, 11
Edwards, Henry L., Northampton, 16,
Edwards, Jonathan, Dedham, 21,
Elder, Hugh, Salem, 7, 5
Emerson, Alfred, Lancaster, 15,
Emerson, Rufus, Granby, 12,
Emerson, Thomas A., Braintree, 11
Emery, Joshua., North Weymouth, 16,
Ewing, Edward C., Enfield, 12, 8
Fairbanks, Francis J., Ayer, 15,
Fairley, Samuel, Berkley, 5, 3
Fay, Henry C., Townsend, 5, 9
Field, Aaron W., Blandford, 7
Fisher, Caleb E., 1,
Fisher, George E., So. Hadley Falls, 12, 8
Fiske, Daniel T., D.D., Newburyport, 6, 5
Fiske, Warren C, Charlton, 4,
Fitts, James H., Topsfield, 7 / 19 } 5
Fitz, Edward S., Southampton, 8
Flagg, Rufus C, North Andover, 1, 5
Flint, Ephraim, D. D., Hinsdale, 2, 2
Fobes, William A., Chesterfield, 15, 8
Folsom, Omar W., Newburyport, 6, 5
Ford, Francis F., Charlestown, 20, 13
Foster, Addison P., Chelsea, 20 / 24 } 13
Foster, Andrew B., Orange, 8,
Foster, Davis, North Winchendon, 26, 14
Foster, Eden B., D. D., Lowell, 1, 9
Fowler, Stacy, Millbury, 25 / 27 } 14
Frary, Lucien H., Middleton, 19, 5
Free, Samuel R., Southfield, 3, 2
Freeman, George E., Abington, 16, 1
French, S. Franklin, Tewksbury, 1,
Frink, Benson M., Beverly, 5
Fuller, Robert W., Stow, 15,
Fullerton, Bradford M., Palmer Depot, 9, 7
Fullerton, Jeremiah E., Southbridge, 14
Furber, Daniel L., D.D., Newton Centre, 22, 9
Gale, Nahum, D. D., Lee, 3, 2
Gale, Sullivan F., New Marlborough, 3, 2
Gale, Wakefield, Easthampton, 7,
Gammell, Sereno D., Boxford, 19, 5
Garman, John H., North Orange, 26, 6
Garver, Austin S., Hingham, 16, 12
Gay, Ebenezer, Bridgewater, 18,
Gay, William M., West Warren, 4, 14
Giddings, Edward J., Somerset, 3, 3
Gilbert, Hiram W., Peru, 2, 2
Gleason, George L., Manchester, 19, 5
Gleason, John F., Williamsburg, 11, 3
Goodhue, Henry A., West Barnstable, 5, 1
*Gould, George H., Worcester, 14
Gregory, Lewis, West Amesbury, 6, 5
Greene, Henry S., Ballardvale, 1, 5
Greene, John M., Lowell, 1, 9
Greene, Richard G., Springfield, 9, 7
Greene, William B., Scituate, 21, 12
Griffin, Edw'd H., So. Williamstown, 2, 2
Griffin, Nathl. H., D.D., Williamstown, 2,
Grout, Henry M., Concord, 10 / 21 } 9
Guild, Charles L., Buckland, 8, 6
Haley, John W., 23,
Hall, Gordon, D.D., Northampton, 11, 8
Halliday, Joseph C., East Weymouth, 16 / 27 } 11
Hamilton, B. Franklin, Boston Highlands, 21, 13
Hamilton, Henry H., Westford, 15, 9
Hammond, Charles, Monson, 9,
Hammond, William B., Acushnet, 17, 3
Hand, Frederic A., Dorchester, 13
Hanks, Stedman W., Cambridge, 20,
Harding, John W., Longmeadow, 9, 7
Harding, Sewall, Auburndale, 13,
Harlow, Rufus K., Medway Village, 13, 11
Harrington, Eli W., North Beverly, 7,
Harris, John L., Grantville, 17, 11
Harrison, Samuel, Pittsfield, 2, 2
Harwood, Charles E., East Orleans, 5, 1
Haven, John, Charlton, 4, 14
Hawkes, Winfield S., Fairhaven, 17, 3
Hayes, Stephen H., Boston, 20, 13
Hazen, Henry A., Billerica, 9
Hazlewood, Webster, Stoneham, 24, 9
Herrick, John R., D.D., South Hadley, 8
Herrick, Samuel E., Boston, 20, 13
Herrick, William D., Gardner, 12, 14
Hidden, Ephriam N., Middleboro', 18 / 23 } 4

Hill, Calvin G., Hamilton,	7,	5
Hilton, John V., East Boston,		13
Hodgman, Edwin R., Westford,	15,	
Homes, Francis, Cochesett,	19,	
Hood, Jacob, Lynnfield,	7,	5
Hooker, Henry B., D.D., Boston,	21,	
Hopkins, Henry, Westfield,	10,	7
Hopkins, Mark, D.D., LL.D, Williamstown,	2,	2
Hosmer, Samuel D., South Natick,	14,	9
Houghton, William A., Berlin,	25,	14
Howard, Martin S., Wilbraham,	9,	7
Howe, Benjamin, Ipswich,		5
Hubbard, James M., Cambridge,	22,	
Hubbell, Wm. S., East Somerville,	20,	9
*Hudson, Alfred S., Easton,		3
Huntress, Edward S., Maynard,	14,	
Hutchinson, John C., Richmond,	15,	
Hyde, Charles M., D.D., Haverhill,	6,	5
Ide, Alexis W., West Medway,	13,	
Ide, George H., Hopkinton,	14,	9
Ide, Jacob, D.D., West Medway,	13,	11
Ide, Jacob, Jr., Mansfield,	13,	3
Jaggar, Edwin L., West Medford,	24,	9
Jameson, Ephraim O., East Medway,	13,	11
Jenkins, Jonathan L., Amherst,	12,	8
Jennison, Joseph F., Canton,	16,	
Jesup, H. G., Amherst,	12,	
Jewett, George B., Salem,	7,	
Jewett, John E. B., Pepperell,	15,	
*Johnson, Hiram E., *E. Providence, R.I.*		3
Johnson, Wilbur, Royalston,	25,	14
Jones, Charles, Saxonville,	14,	9
Jones, Henry W., Swampscott,	16,	
Jones, Jesse H., North Abington,	14,	12
*Juchau, George, Goshen,		8
Julien, Matthew C., New Bedford,		3
Karr, William S., Cambridgeport,	20,	9
Keeler, Seneca M., West Newbury,	6,	5
Kelsey, Henry S., Woburn,	24,	9
Kendall, S C., Lancaster,	13,	
Kimball, Caleb, Medway Village,	13,	
Kimball, James P., Haydenville,	11,	8
Kimball, Woodbury S., Greenfield,	8,	6
Kingman, Matthew, Amherst,	12,	
Kingsbury, Charles A., Marion,	17,	12
Kingsbury, John D., Bradford,	6,	5
Kingsbury, Josiah W., No. Reading,	24,	9
Knight, Richard, South Hadley Falls,	9,	8
Labaree, Benjamin, D.D., W. Roxbury,	21,	
Labaree, John C., Randolph,	16,	11
Lamb, Edward E., Shelburne Falls,	8,	6
Lamson, Charles M., Worcester,	16, 25,	14
Lane, John W., Whately,	12,	6
Langworthy, Isaac P., Chelsea,	20,	
Lanman, Joseph, Westhampton,	11,	8
Lanphear, Orpheus T., D.D., Beverly,	7,	5
Lasell, Nathaniel, Amesbury,	6,	
Lawrence, Amos E., Stockbridge,	3,	
Lawrence, Edw. A., D.D., Marblehead,	19,	
Lawrence, Robert F., Malden,	24,	
Leavitt, George R., Cambridgeport,	20,	9
Leavitt, William S., Northampton,	11,	8
Leete, Theodore A., Palmer,	10,	7
Leonard, Edwin, South Dartmouth,	17,	3
Leonard, Hartford P., Westport,	23,	3
Leonard, William, South Wellfleet,	5,	1
Livingston, Wm. W., North Carver,	18,	12
Loomis, Aretas G., Greenfield,	8,	
Lord, John M., Rockland,	17,	
Lothrop, Charles D., Amherst,	12,	
Lounsbury, Henry A., Shirley Village,	15,	9
Lowry, Samuel E., North Newton,	22,	9
Luce, Leonard, Westford,	15,	
Lyle, William W., Duxbury,	18,	12
Lyman, Ephraim, Northampton,	11,	
Lyman, George, South Amherst,	12,	
Lyman, Payson W., Belchertown,	12,	8
Lyman, Timothy,	10,	
McCollom, James T., Medford,	24,	9
McElroy, Elbridge P., E. Weymouth,	16,	11
McIntire, Charles C., Rockport,	7,	5
McKenzie, Alexander, Cambridge,	20,	9
*McLaughlin, Daniel D. T., Monterey,		2
McLean, James, South Weymouth,	16,	11
McLoud, Anson, Topsfield,	19,	
McNeille, Robert G. S., Brockton,	16,	12
Makepeace, F. Barrows, Gloucester,	19,	5
Mallory, Charles W., Housatonic,		2
Maltby, Erastus, Taunton,	23,	3
Mandell, William A., Cambridge,	15,	
Mann, Asa, Raynham,		3
Manning, Jacob M., D.D., Boston,	20,	13
Marsh, Alfred F., Shelburne,	8,	6
Marsh, D. Dana, Georgetown,	19,	5
Marshall, Henry G., Charlemont,	8,	6
Marvin, Abijah P., Lancaster,	25,	14
Mead, Charles M., Andover,	1,	
Means, James H., D.D., Dorchester,	21,	13
Means, John O., D.D., Boston Highlands,	21,	13
Mears, David O., North Cambridge,	20,	9
Mears, Lucian D, Sterling,	25,	
Merrill, James H., Andover,	1,	5
*Merrill, Josiah, South Franklin,		11
Merrill, Truman A., Wayland,	14,	9
Merritt, Elbridge W., Hardwick,	4,	14
Miles, James B., D.D., Boston,	20,	
Miller, Joel D., Leominster,	15,	
Miller, Rodney A., Worcester,	25,	
Miller, Simeon, Springfield,	10,	

Mills, Charles L., Jamaica Plain, 21,
Moody, Eli, Montague, 8,
*Moore, Albert W., Blackstone, 14
Moore, Edson J., Harwichport, 5, 1
Morehouse, D. Allen, Essex, 19, 5
Morley, Sardis B., Pittsfield, 2,
Morong, Thomas, Ipswich, 7, 5
Morris, Ozias S., Cummington, West Village, 11, 8
Morton, Alpha, Oakham, 4, 14
Munger, Theodore T., Lawrence, 1, 5
*Munson, Myron A., Neponset, 13
Murray, William H. H., Boston, 13
Nason, Charles P. H., Chelsea, 13
*Nason, Elias, Southborough, 14
Newell, Wellington, East Charlemont, 8, 6
Newhall, Ebenezer, Cambridgeport, 20,
Newman, Stephen M., Taunton, 23, 3
Noble, Edward W., Truro, 5, 1
Noble, Mason, Jr., Sheffield, 3, 2
Norton, Edward, Quincy, 8, 11
*Norton, John F., Natick, 1
Norton, Thomas S., Cohasset, 27, 11
Noyes, Daniel P., Pigeon Cove, 22,
Ober, Benjamin, Petersham, 2,
Olds, Henry H., West Granville, 10, 7
Oxnard, Frederick, Sandwich, 5, 1
Paine, Bernard, Foxborough, 13, 11
Paine, John C., Groveland, 6, 5
Paine, William P., D.D., Holden, 25, 14
Palmer, Edwin B., Chicopee, 9, 7
Park, Calvin E., West Boxford, 6,
*Park, Edwards A., Andover, 5
Park, William E., Lawrence, 1, 5
Parker, Horace, Lunenburg, 15,
Parker, Leonard S., Ashburnham, 26, 14
Parker, William W., West Boylston, 15, 14
Parkhurst, Charles H., Lenox, 2
Parsons, Henry M., Boston, 21, 13
Patrick, Henry J., West Newton, 22, 9
Patten, Moses, Carlisle, 24, 9
*Peabody, Charles, Ashburnham, 14
Peckham, Joseph, Kingston, 18, 12
Peirce, Charles M., Middlefield, 2, 8
Peloubet, Francis N., Natick, 14, 9
Pennell, Lewis, West Stockbridge Centre, 3, 2
Perkins, Ariel E. P., D.D., Ware, 4, 8
Perkins, Francis B., Grantville, 21,
Perry, Cyrus M., Southwick, 10, 7
Perry, David, East Falmouth, 5, 1
Perry, Ralph, Agawam, 10, 7
Phelps, Austin, D.D., Andover, 1,
Phelps, Winthrop H., So. Egremont, 3,
Phillips, Daniel, North Chelmsford, 1, 9
Phillips, George W., Worcester, 25, 14
Phillips, Lebbeus R., Groton, 16,
Phipps, George G., Wellesley, 14, 11
*Pierce, George J., Sterling, 14
Pierce, Leroy M., Bernardston, 8, 6
Pierce, Webster K., Brimfield, 7
Pierson, Wm. H., North Somerville, 24, 9
Pike, Josiah W. C., Douglas, 27,
Pike, John, D.D., Rowley, 6,
Piper, Caleb W., Tolland, 5, 7
Plumb, Albert H., Boston Highlands, 20, 13
Pomeroy, Edward N., West Springfield, 7
Pomeroy, Jeremiah, South Deerfield, 8,
Porter, Edward G., Lexington, 20, 9
Potter, Edmund S., West Somerville, 8, 6
Powell, James, Newburyport, 6,
*Powers, Dennis, Withington, 8
Pratt, Francis G., Middleborough, 20,
Pratt, Llewellyn, North Adams, 2, 2
Pratt, Miner G., Andover, 25,
*Prior, Isaac R., Rehoboth, 3
Putnam, George A., Millbury, 27, 14
Putnam, Hiram B., Salem, 5
Quint, Alonzo H., D.D., New Bedford, 17, 3
Rand, Edward A., South Boston, 21, 13
Reed, Edward A., Springfield, 9, 7
Reed, Frederick A., East Taunton, 23, 3
Reed, William C., South Dennis, 5, 1
Rice, Charles B., Danvers Centre, 19, 5
Rice, Walter, Andover, 26,
Richardson, Henry J., Lincoln, 14, 9
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Blake, Henry B., *Wilmington, N. C.*, 12,
Blanchard, Geo. P., *Saco, Me.*, 5,
Bradley, Chas. F., *Birmingham, Ct.*, 3,
Brigham, Levi, *Troy, N. H.*, 19,
Bruce, Henry J., *India*, 9,
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Childs, Alex. C., *W. Charlestown, Vt.*, 19,
Clark, Edward L., *New York*, 16,
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Cushman, John P., *Troy, N. Y.*, 26,
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Hobbs, Simon L., 8,
Holman, Sidney, *East Wethersfield, Vt.*, 11,
Hooker, Edw. P., *Middlebury, Vt.*, 24,
Howland, William W., *Ceylon*, 8,
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Morse, Charles F., *Atkinson, N. H.*, 26,
Munsell, Joseph R., *Vermont*, 5,
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Skeele, John P., *West Bloomfield, N. Y.*, 12,
Smith, Edw'd. A., *Farmington, Ct.*, 10,
Southworth, Benjamin, *Wells, Me.*, 18,
Stone, Harvey M., *Rochester, N. H.*, 5,
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Allen, Frederick H.,	10,		Matthews, S. Sherborn,	1,	
Bartlett, William J., Lay Preacher,	3,		Montague, Wm. L., Prof., Amherst,	12,	
Benner, Edward A.,	1,		Nims, George L.,	1,	
Bisbee, Marvin D.,	1,		Palmer, Frederick,	1,	
Blake, Henry W.,	12,		Parsons, Benjamin F.,	3,	
Boies, William E.,	9,		Peckham, William C.,	23,	
Brooks, Charles H.,	1,		Phelps, M. Stuart, Tutor Yale Coll.,	1,	
Buffum, Joshua,	24,		Prescott, Harrison, Lay Preacher, Newton Centre,	22	
Crowell, Edward P., Prof., Amherst,	12,		Sawyer, Joseph H., Easthampton,	11,	
Dole, Charles F.,	1,		Seabury, Joseph B., New Bedford,	1,	
Fales, Elisha F., jr.,	1,		Sellers, Edwin B.,	1,	
Flake, Joseph E.,	1,		Seymour, Charles R.,	1	
Flanders, Charles N.,	1,		Shiere, Peter B.,	10,	
Gregg, James B.,	1,		Smith, Edward P.,	24,	
Hall, Charles N.,	1,		Smith, John E.,	1,	
Hamilton, William,	21,		Stickel, Edwin C.,	1,	
Hird, John W.,	1,		Stone, Edward G.,	1,	
Howe, G. Milton,	1,		Stone, Mellen D.,	10,	
Ingalls, Edward C.,	20,		Terry, Roderic,	1,	
Kendall, Henry L.,	1,		Tilton, George H.,	1,	
Kilburn, Daniel W., East Cambridge,	20,	9	Tomblen, Charles L.,	1,	
Kinne, George W.,	1,		Wheeler, Edward P.,	1,	
Livermore, Albert,	1,		Woods, Robert M.	1.	
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NOTICES FOR 1876.

Meeting of 1876. — At Lowell, with the Kirk street Church, on the third Tuesday of June. at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Provisional Committee for 1876. — Rev. Charles D. Barrows, of Lowell, Rev. Owen Street, Rev. S. Franklin French. Dea. Sewall G. Mack, and Dea. James G. Buttrick.

Associational Preacher for 1876. — To be designated by Hampden East Association.

Special for Session of 1876. — 1. Rev. John O. Means, to report on Systematic Beneficence, in regard to matters specified on page 15. — 2. Report of Committee on Collection of Statistics, — Rev. George E. Fisher, of South Hadley Falls, Rev. James P. Kimball, and Bro. Langdon S. Ward.

Credentials. — Scribes of Associations and Conferences are requested to examine the form of credentials, and action thereon, on page 12. Sufficient "blanks" will be furnished the Scribes by the Secretary in season.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the Conferences are requested to ask the churches to contribute a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church-member, and to forward the amount to Mr. Geo. E. Clarke, Falmouth, Treasurer, to meet the annual expenses now incurred. These amounts are needed at once. The number of the members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches in this pamphlet.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS EACH.)

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, New Bedford, *Secretary.*

From 1856; re-chosen 1874.

REV. JAMES P. KIMBALL, Haydenville, *Registrar.*

From 1868; re-chosen 1874.

GEORGE E. CLARKE, Falmouth, *Treasurer.*

From 1872; re-chosen in 1875.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Newburyport, is Secretary of the Committee on the Work of the Churches, — for which, see page 13.

MINUTES.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met in the First Congregational Church in Amherst, June 15, 1875, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, pastor of the church.

The credentials of members were presented, and the list read by the registrar.

A quorum was found to be present, and a ballot was had for annual officers. Pres. Paul A. Chadbourne, of Williams College, Williamstown, was chosen moderator, and Rev. Addison P. Foster, of Chelsea, assistant registrar. In the absence of Pres. Chadbourne, Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins was appointed moderator *pro tempore*.

Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton, Rev. Charles D. Barrows, and Dea. William Fox Richardson were appointed a committee on credentials, and subsequently reported as follows:—

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Delegates from the Ministerial Associations:

Andover, — Rev. S. Franklin French, Tewksbury; Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Lowell.

Berkshire North, — Rev. Sardis B. Morley, Pittsfield; Rev. Samuel Harrison, Pittsfield.

Berkshire South, — Rev. Francis H. Boynton, Mill River; Rev. Nahum Gale, Lee.

Brookfield, — Rev. William G. Tuttle, Ware; Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins, Ware.

Cape Cod, — Rev. Ansel W. Westgate, Provincetown; Rev. Henry A. Goodhue, West Barnstable.

Essex North, — Rev. Seneca M. Keeler, West Newbury; Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, Newburyport.

Essex South, — Rev. James H. Fitts, Topsfield; Rev. Calvin G. Hill, Hamilton.

Franklin, — Rev. Robert Crawford, Deerfield; Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Greenfield.

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Hampden West, — Rev. Cyrus M. Perry, Southwick; Rev. Edward N. Pomeroy, West Springfield.

Hampshire, — Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, Milford; Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Florence.

Hampshire East, — Rev. Charles D. Lothrop, Amherst; Rev. John W. Lane, Whately.

Mendon, — Rev. Alexis W. Ide, West Medway.

Middlesex South, — Rev. George M. Adams, Holliston; Rev. Samuel D. Hosmer, South Natick.

Middlesex Union, — Rev. Henry M. Tyler, Fitchburg.

Norfolk. — Rev. Moody A. Stevens, Cohasset.

Old Colony, — Rev. Edwin Leonard, South Dartmouth; Rev. William B. Hammond, Acushnet.

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Suffolk South, — Rev. Francis B. Perkins, Boston.

Suffolk West, — Rev. Calvin Cutler, Auburndale.

Taunton, — Rev. Mortimer Blake, Taunton; Rev. John Whitehill, West Attleborough.

Woburn, — Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, Malden; Rev. Albert G. Bale, Melrose.

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Worcester North, — Rev. Charles A. White, Templeton.

Worcester South, — Rev. Heman P. DeForest, Westborough.

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Andover, — Horace B. Shattuck, Lowell; E. Francis Holt, Andover.

Barnstable, — Dea. William L. Paine, South Wellfleet; George E. Clarke, Falmouth.

Berkshire North, — Pres. Paul A. Chadbourne, Williamstown; Dea. George N. Dutton, Pittsfield; Stephen Reed, Pittsfield.

Berkshire South, — Albert J. Morey, Lee; William Tinker, Otis; Charles D. Sage, Sheffield.

Brookfield, — William L. Brakenridge, Ware.

Essex North, — Dea. Moses Nichols, Haverhill; Dea. James D. Pike, West Amesbury; Dea. S. Willard Carleton, Bradford.

Essex South, — Charles H. Holmes, Topsfield.

Franklin, — Dr. Nathaniel G. Trow, Sunderland; Edward Leavitt, East Charlemont; Dea. E. C. Hawks, Charlemont.

Hampden, — Dea. Lucius F. Mellen, West Springfield; Francis J. Warner, Wilbraham.

Hampshire, — Dea. Garry Munson, Huntington; Dea. David B. Phelps, Southampton; Dr. William G. Trow, Haydenville.

Hampshire East, — Dea. Charles L. Washburn, Belchertown; John A. Morton, Hadley.

Mendon, — *None.*

Middlesex South, — Dea. C. D. Chapin, Northboro'; Dea. S. H. Williams, South Framingham.

Middlesex Union, — *None.*

Norfolk, — Josephus Shaw, Braintree; Dea. James Torrey, North Weymouth.

Old Colony, — *None.*

Pilgrim, — Edward Baker, Duxbury.

Suffolk North, — Dea. William Fox Richardson, Cambridge; Capt. Andrew Bartlett, Boston.

Suffolk South, — Edward P. Burgess, Dedham; Arthur W. Tufts, Boston.

Suffolk West, — George P. Davis, Newton Centre; Langdon S. Ward, Brookline.

Taunton, — Dea. Hezekiah L. Merrill, Taunton; Dea. Edgar H. Reed, Taunton.

Woburn, — David H. Brown, West Medford.

Worcester Central, — Dea. L. B. Witherby, Worcester.

Worcester North, — Charles C. Bassett, Athol; J. G. Smith, Phillipston.

Worcester South, — Aaron M. Hill, Douglas.

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Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, *Pastor of the Church.*

Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, *Registrar.*

George E. Clarke, Falmouth, *Treasurer;* [also a delegate.]

HONORARY MEMBERS.

By Previous Appointments:

Rev. Charles S. Brooks, South Deerfield, *Preacher of the Opening Sermon.*

Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Boston, *Chairman of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.*

Also:

Rev. William Barrows, Boston, *Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.*

Dea. James G. Buttrick, Lowell, *Of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches.*

Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, *Of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches.*

Rev. George E. Fisher, South Hadley Falls, *Of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches.*

Obadiah W. Wilcox, Springfield, *Of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches.*

Rev. William A. Tenney, *Of the Congregational Association of Oregon.*
Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, *Of Constantinople.*
Rev. David O. Mears, Cambridge.
Rev. Daniel Bliss, *Beirût.*
Rev. Luther H. Gulick, Boston.
Rev. Washington Gladden, Springfield.
Rev. Leonard S. Parker, Ashburnham.
Rev. Henry J. Bruce, of *India.*

Prayer was offered by Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins.

Rev. Nahum Gale, Rev. George M. Adams, and Bro. Horace P. Shattuck were appointed a committee of nomination.

Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins, and Bro. Richard P. Waters were chosen a committee of arrangements.

The Association then took a recess until the time set for evening service.

Met at 7½ o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Addison P. Foster of Chelsea. The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles S. Brooks, of South Deerfield, from the text (1 Cor. 15 : 58), "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, Rev. Nahum Gale, of Lee, and Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople, Turkey, officiating.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, June 16. The Association assembled at 8½ o'clock, A. M., and half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, of Newburyport

At 9 o'clock the moderator took the Chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Crawford of Deerfield.

The report of the secretary was read by the registrar, and accepted; and that portion of it relating to the collection of the statistics of the churches was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. George E. Fisher, Rev. James P. Kimball, and Bro. Langdon S. Ward.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, from the State Committee on the Work of the Churches, presented two special reports, one on *The Duty of the Churches in Regard to the Temperance Cause*, and the other upon *The Church Conferences and the Sunday Schools*, with the

request that these reports be referred to special committees, to report to this Association.

The reports were so referred, the former to Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, and Dr. Stephen Reed as a committee; the latter to a committee consisting of Rev. Joshua W. Wellman, Rev. Heman P. De Forest, and Dea. James G. Buttrick.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Rev. Mason Noble, Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton, and Dea. S. H. Williams of South Framingham, was appointed to consider and suggest some improvement in the form of credentials to be presented at the meetings of this Association.

The committee on credentials reported and the report was accepted.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day's session were read and accepted.

All Congregational ministers and church members present from other places were invited to sit with the Association as honorary members.

An auditing committee, consisting of Dea. George N. Dutton of Pittsfield and Dr. Nathaniel G. Trow, was appointed.

Rev. John W. Harding and Bro. Charles H. Coffin of Newburyport were nominated members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

The Association then united in singing the hymn commencing,

"Glorious things of Thee are spoken."

At 10 ¼ o'clock, Rev. David O. Mears of North Cambridge read an essay on *The Primitive Diaconate: should it be revived in our Churches?* Prayer was offered by Rev. Asa Mann. Remarks were made by Rev. William B. Hammond, Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Rev. Addison P. Foster, Rev. Nahum Gale, Rev. Alexis W. Ide, Rev. Francis H. Boynton, Rev. Calvin Terry, Capt. Andrew Bartlett, Dea. James G. Buttrick, Rev. Joshua T. Tucker, Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Rev. Samuel Harrison.

On motion of Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, the hearty thanks of the Association were given to Rev. David O. Mears, and his paper was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Charles D. Barrows. Rev. Robert Crawford, and Bro. O. W. Wilcox, for consideration.

The Association then took a recess until afternoon.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes read the report of the State Committee on the Work of the Churches.

After the Association had sung the hymn beginning

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,"

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin gave an account of the methods of benevolence and activity pursued by the churches under the care of the American Board in Turkey.

On motion of Rev. James P. Kimball, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be given to the Faculty of Amherst College and to Pres. Clarke, of the Agricultural College, for their invitation to visit the buildings of those institutions, and that their invitation be accepted and the visit be made between the hours of five and six this afternoon.

Rev. Luther H. Gulick made further remarks on the methods of the native churches on missionary fields.

The Association then took a recess, giving place to the MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Association re-assembled at 7½ o'clock, P. M. The hymn commencing

"Oh, where are kings and empires now,"

having been sung, prayer was offered by Rev. Henry M. Parsons.

Certain brethren who had been invited to speak at the missionary meeting in the afternoon having had no opportunity to do so, the discussion of the evening was deferred till the Association had listened to them. Addresses were accordingly made by Rev. W. A. Tenney, lately of Astoria, Oregon, Rev. Charles D. Barrows, of Lowell, and Rev. James H. Harwood, of Springfield, Mo.

The hymn commencing

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,"

was then sung.

The committee on the paper read by Rev. David O. Mears presented their report, recommending the printing of the essay in the Minutes, and also separately in pamphlet form for wider distribution among the churches.

An amendment to this report was adopted, to the effect

That Rev. Addison P. Foster be requested to prepare his remarks of the morning relative to the work of deaconesses in the First Congregational Church, Chelsea, for insertion as a supplement to the essay of Rev. David O. Mears.

The report of the committee as amended was then accepted and adopted.

After singing the doxology the Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, June 17. The Association re-assembled at 8½ A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. George M. Adams.

At 9 o'clock the moderator took the Chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, of Florence.

The roll of the members was called by the registrar.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The report of the auditing committee was made, showing a balance in the treasury of $432.73, and recommending that the scribes of the local conferences be requested to ask for a sum equivalent to two cents for each resident church-member. The report was accepted and adopted.

Bro. George E. Clarke was elected treasurer for the ensuing three years.

The committee appointed to consider the report of the State Committee on Temperance presented their report as follows: —

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Association, each local church is in its very nature a Temperance Society, and should practically recognize the promotion of temperance as an important part of its regular Christian work, from which it cannot be relieved by any other organization.

Resolved, That the present exigencies of the temperance cause demand that a definite place be assigned it in the systematic work, and in the public services of every church.

This report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows: —

The State Committee on the Work of the Churches has submitted to this Association a paper on the relation of the Church Conference to the Sunday Schools. The committee to whom this paper was referred would respectfully report: —

1. That the State Committee very properly emphasizes the fact that Sunday-school labor is one department of church work; that the Sunday School is not to be regarded as simply an organization outside of the church, but the church itself, engaged in the blessed work of teaching the Word to all whom it can reach.

2. That the State Committee has ascertained by careful examination that nearly one half of the Conferences of the State give systematic attention to the work of the Sunday School, while the remainder of the Conferences have no *system* for promoting this work. The committee to whom this paper has been referred would recommend that this Association call the attention of the Conferences to the importance of adopting some plan by which they shall, *with regularity*, endeavor to increase the interest and wisdom with which Sunday-school work is conducted by the churches.

This report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, it was

Resolved, That the State Committee communicate these resolutions to the Conferences and churches, inviting them to make particular mention, in their next reports of church work, of any steps that they may have taken in the cause of temperance.

On motion of Rev. James P. Kimball, it was

Voted, That the report on the Work of the Churches be accepted, and printed in the Minutes, with the Tables of Payments and Charities.

The committee on the form of credentials made the following Report: —

To save the time of the General Association and simplify the work of the committee on credentials, we recommend that the secretary or registrar print in the Minutes, in connection with the "Notices," a notice to the following effect: —

"Scribes of the local bodies are requested to furnish delegates with credentials in this form, viz. —

"'*To Rev.* [Dea. or Bro.] ——— *of* ———: You are entitled to represent, as delegates [primary or secondary] the ——— Association [or Conference] at the meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, to be held in ——— [place] ——— [date], 187–. You are requested to present this letter as your credentials at the above meeting. ——— *Scribe.*'"

[Date.]

This report was accepted and adopted.

The committee of nomination reported the following list of persons to act as

THE STATE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES, 1875–6:

Chairman of Committees of Local Conferences. — Andover, Mr. James G. Buttrick; Barnstable, Rev. John W. Dodge; Berkshire North, Rev. Llewellyn Pratt; Berkshire South, Rev. Mason Noble; Brookfield, Rev. A. E. P. Perkins; Essex North, Rev. John D. Kingsbury; Essex South, *to be supplied;* Franklin, Rev. David A. Strong; Hampden, Rev. Samuel G. Buckingham; Hampshire, Rev. Edward S. Fitz; Hampshire East, Rev. George E. Fisher; Mendon, Rev. Bernard Paine; Middlesex South, Rev. Daniel Wight; Middlesex Union, Rev. Franklin P. Wood; Norfolk, Rev. Elbridge P. McElroy; Old Colony, *to be supplied;* Pilgrim, Rev. William H. Cobb; Suffolk North, Rev. George R. Leavitt; Suffolk South, Rev. Joseph B. Clark; Suffolk West, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson; Taunton, Rev. William W. Adams; Woburn, Rev. Henry S. Kelsey; Worcester Central, Rev. William A. Houghton; Worcester North, Rev. Chester L. Cushman; Worcester South, Rev. John R. Thurston.

Members at Large. — Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Rev. William Barrows, Rev. Joshua Coit, Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Rev. Henry M. Dexter, Rev. Nahum Gale, Rev. Lewis Gregory, Rev. John W. Harding, Rev. Henry Hopkins, Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Rev. D. Dana Marsh, Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, Rev. Owen Street, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. James M. Whiton, Rev. David O. Mears, Rev. Addison P. Foster, Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton, Rev. Edward N. Pomeroy, Rev. Albert C. Sewall, J. Russell Bradford, Joseph S. Ropes, Marshall S. Scudder, William Thurston, William B. Washburn, Obadiah W. Wilcox.

Ex-officio. — Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, Rev. James P. Kimball.

The report was adopted.

The same committee made this additional report, which was adopted: —

Place of next meeting, Kirk Street Church, Lowell.

Provisional Committee of Arrangements. — Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Rev. Owen Street, Rev. S. Franklin French, Dea. Sewell G. Mack, Dea. James G. Buttrick.

The preacher to be selected by the Hampden East Association.

On motion of Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, in view of the day (the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill), a com-

mittee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Rev. John W. Lane, and Dea. Geo. N. Dutton, to draft and present appropriate resolutions.

Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, by request, made a statement as to temperance work in the church at Florence. Rev. Charles D. Lothrop added a few words on the work of the churches in regard to temperance.

Fifteen minutes were then given to devotional exercises.

At 10½ o'clock the order of the day was taken up, and the hymn was sung commencing,

"When I survey the wondrous cross."

Rev. Henry M. Parsons then presented the report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence.

After singing the hymn beginning

"So let our lips and lives express,"

the subject of the report was thrown open to discussion. Remarks were made by Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins, Rev. Addison P. Foster, Rev. S. M. Freeland, Dea. William F. Richardson, Bro. Josephus Shaw, Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. E. Porter Dyer.

The hymn commencing

"'T is by the faith of joys to come '

was then sung.

Further remarks were made by Bro. Horace B. Shattuck, Dr. Stephen Reed, Rev. Charles D. Lothrop, Rev. James M. Bell, Rev. George E. Freeman, Rev. Calvin Terry.

The report was referred to the committee on nomination.

The Association then took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock, P. M.

It was

Voted, That the Association tender their thanks to Rev. Charles S. Brooks for his thoughtful, earnest, and practical sermon at the opening of the Association.

It was also

Voted, That the registrar be instructed to express to Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, secretary of the Association, their appreciation of his faith-

ful labors in behalf of the Association for many years, their sympathy with him in his serious illness, and their hope that he may soon be able to resume the work to which he is devoted.

The committee to draft resolutions appropriate to the day made the following report, which was unanimously adopted: —

"The influence of the Congregational polity in creating the spirit of independence which found expression at Bunker Hill, and the steady support given the cause of freedom by our churches and people in all our history, makes it proper to give formal expression of our sympathy with the celebration in progress to-day.

We do, therefore, hereby gratefully recognize the good providence of God in all He accomplished through the sufferings of our fathers for the good of men and His glory.

We do, also, hereby confess that in the remembrance of His great goodness and bounty are motives of largest power to draw us to increased activity in all labors promising good to the bodies and souls of men.

And we do purpose to give our utmost and earnest effort to make our land salvation to the earth and a glory and praise to His great name.

The Association then rose, and sang together two stanzas of the hymn commencing

"Our country, 't is of thee."

The committee to which was referred the report on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was adopted as follows: —

The committee recommend that the Association order the printing of the report with the Minutes, earnestly commending to the churches the importance of systematic beneficence, but leaving the more specific views of the report to the individual judgment and decision.

The committee also advise the adoption by the Association of the first and third recommendations appended to the report, it being understood that the books to be circulated be left to the discretion of the brother designated to look after the matter.

The Association then listened to addresses by Bro. Langdon S. Ward, of Boston, Rev. Daniel Bliss, of Beirût, and Rev. Luther H. Gulick, of Spain.

After the hymn was sung, commencing

"Shall we whose souls are lighted,"

Rev. Washington Gladden read an essay on *How to kill a Prayer-Meeting, and how to make it alive.*

The hymn was then sung, beginning

"Sweet the moments, rich in blessing."

Remarks on the subject of the paper just presented were made by Rev. Henry M. Parsons, Rev. Francis H. Boynton, Rev. James P. Kimball, Rev. Edward P. Tenney, Rev. S. M. Freeland, Dea. William F. Richardson, Dea George N. Dutton, Rev. Elisha G. Cobb, Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, Bro. Langdon S. Ward.

On motion of Rev. James P. Kimball, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to Rev. Washington Gladden for his paper, and that the paper be printed in the Minutes.

On motion of Rev. Addison P. Foster, it was

Resolved, That we deeply regret the embarrassment of the work of the American Board in papal lands the current year, in consequence of the small sum given by our churches in this direction, and earnestly commend to their increased benevolence this work, which the Board has assumed at their request.

On motion of Rev. George M. Adams, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are presented to this church and society, with their beloved pastor and faithful committee, and to the other good people of the town, whose very generous and ample hospitality has made our stay in Amherst, in these beautiful June days, doubly delightful. May the grace of God rest abundantly upon them.

Resolved, The Association acknowledge the courtesy of the Fitchburg Railroad and of the New London Northern Railroad in granting reduction of fare to those attending these meetings.

On motion of Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the moderator for the courtesy and kindness with which he has administered the business of this Association.

Appropriate remarks were then made by Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins, pastor of the church, and the moderator.

After singing, and prayer offered by Rev. Nahum Gale, the Association adjourned.

PAUL A. CHADBOURNE, *Moderator.*

JAMES P. KIMBALL, *Registrar.*

ADDISON P. FOSTER, *Assistant Registrar.*

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES AND STATE OF RELIGION.

In coming before the Association with another Report, your committee are thankful to find themselves able to present one covering nearly all the State, and, in general, so encouraging in its facts. Those who will take the pains to read these records with due consideration will detect, we believe, signs of an improvement which may be permanent, a promise of systematic work, of earnest study of the Bible, and of the presence of the Spirit.

We desire, at the outset, to recognize the cordiality with which so large a proportion of the pastors have united in the present system of reports to the Conferences and to this Association. From an embarrassment from which they and we have suffered together, we look for speedy relief. A plan, we are informed, will be laid before this body, which, we trust, will be so worked out as to unite all the churches upon a single schedule of statistics, so that no pastor shall be applied to for facts of this kind more than once a year, while the returns made shall be such as can be collated. With this amendment our present system would seem to be all that can be desired.

And now a word in regard to

The Reports of Payments and Charities. The churches all take account of their expenditures and contributions; they all send the aggregates of their contributions to the secretary of this association. Of course, it is easy, therefore, to furnish the particulars. The importance of these particulars is clearly shown in the remarks of the Committee of the Suffolk North Conference upon their own table. It is true that these observations apply in their full force only to the *larger table*, laid before the Conferences, and which contains all the items included in the blank that is issued to the churches. In the Minutes we are only able to publish a condensed form of this table, giving the aggregate of the general causes but not the amounts contributed to the several societies. Perhaps a better plan may be devised for next year. The Report of the Suffolk North Conference submits the following *Observations upon the Larger Table:*—

"1. It shows how some of the best causes are neglected in this Conference. Only four churches gave anything to the *Education Society;* only three to our *Publication Society;* only four to the *Work in Papal Lands;* only two to the *Bible* cause.

"2. The gifts to *Home Societies*, taken together, are but a trifle larger than to the several branches of Foreign Missions.

"3. There is an inequality in the returns, growing out of the omission of some churches to return the value of missionary boxes, often quite large.

"4. The contributions to *Local Missions* appear to be larger than to Home Missions.

"5. The sums reported under the head of *General Expenses*, nearly $50,000, suggest one reason why the charities are not larger. A considerable part of this amount represents payments upon debts on buildings and repairs.

"6. The churches which employ the method of *Systematic Giving* and the *Weekly Offerings* give the largest sums, and with the most equitable distribution.

"7. The advance made by nearly every church is not the least encouraging feature of these returns. Only two churches fall below the amounts of last year, and this on account of extraordinary expenses in building and repairs."

Such, for substance, are the views of the committee of that Conference. We submit that a similar analysis, once a year, in all our Conferences would do good. Nearly all the Conferences have manifested a readiness to come into this plan. May we not hope that, next year, we may be able to print complete returns?

The *Essex South* Conference is the only one from which nothing in the shape of a General Narrative has been received. From this, a few churches, however, make reports of payments and charities. So large a number of Conferences have never before reported in one year.

Andover Conference.

Contributions. The reports are unanimous in praise of "Systematic Giving," — where it has been tried, — and the result is uniformly a large increase.

The Sunday Schools show a gain of 209, divided among nine schools. One school reports that special pains have been taken to induce each teacher to labor directly for the immediate conversion of the scholars. The *First Church, Lowell*, reports: No concerts, but a sermon by the pastor instead; and nearly all the conversions in the Sunday School. In the *Kirk Street* School, on the other hand, much attention has been given to concerts; and "many of their exercises, if common report may be trusted, would be worthy of a place in any pulpit." The *Methuen* School has gained 131. Several others speak of interesting concerts, of growth and of endeavors after greater spiritual power.

The Young People in several of the churches have been sustaining excellent prayer-meetings. From one church we learn that the experience of the year "proves to satisfaction: (1). That the

responsibility of sustaining a prayer-meeting can at once be thrown upon young converts. (2). That such meetings do not require much formal leading, an inexperienced leader often succeeding best. (3). That the old standard hymns are the best."

CHURCH WORK. The *West Andover Church* sustains meetings in two out-districts. An attempt is making at *Ballardvale*, to bring in the neglecting families. The *Seminary Students* have assisted churches in maintaining several Sunday Schools and prayer-meetings. The ladies of the *Central Church, Lawrence*, have accomplished a work of systematic visitation. The *Kirk Street Church, Lowell*, has kept up religious services at Middlesex Village, through the year, "with frequent preaching by the pastor, the school-house being filled every Sabbath. Never before has this church taken hold of such work so earnestly. Much time and money are spent monthly in seeking out the poor and relieving their wants, many of whom have been brought into the Sabbath School and to church. Since the commencement of the present year a lady has been engaged to assist the pastor in this work, in effect renewing the ancient office of *deaconess*. *Enlistment cards* have also been issued to the church, drawing forth responses from nearly all the members, who, under the lead of appropriate committees, have gone forth to labor, with cheering signs of cordial co-operation. Thus the whole work has been greatly simplified.

The *Methuen Church*, also, has just organized an efficient work in an out-district, and reports other districts that ought to be occupied.

At *North Andover*, likewise, special efforts have been put forth in behalf of the neglecting classes, which are quite numerous.

In *Lawrence*, the question is pressing itself upon the minds of good people, whether the evangelical churches are quite keeping pace with the growth of the population. In *Lowell*, the churches were never more prosperous; the audiences are full, the Sunday Schools never larger and never doing more to promote a knowledge of the Bible; the branch Sunday Schools are carried on with vigor and earnestness. The *Christian Association*, also, has developed new effectiveness. Through its instrumentality fields of labor have been reached that otherwise would have been neglected; the services of a City Missionary have added to its usefulness. Through his ministrations Sabbath evening meetings have been held on the Common and in the Railroad Station, and persons have been secured from the various churches to conduct meetings in neighboring towns. A *religious canvass* of the city, in connection with a distribution of the Scriptures, is now in progress, which for "minuteness of discovery" has never been equalled.

TEMPERANCE. At *Ballardvale*, special pains are taken to instruct and to enlist the young in good habits and principles. At *Chelmsford*, stirring sermons have been preached, and the feeling prevails that this

great cause must permanently take a front rank. At the *South Church, Lawrence*, the pastor has preached, special meetings have been held, the children have been instructed, and the church has adopted the use of the "unfermented fruit of the vine" for the communion. In *Kirk Street, Lowell*, pledges have been circulated in the Sunday School, and particular pains have been taken to give to the young correct ruling ideas concerning what is manly and womanly, the true ideal of life. In *Methuen*, mass meetings were held every month through the winter; a monthly *praise-meeting* is believed to have been greatly blessed, and considerable activity prevails. At *North Andover*, sermons have been preached upon temperance, eminent lecturers have been employed, and the subject is kept before the people. In *Tewksbury*, work for temperance is viewed as a part of the regular work of the church, not a separate interest.

REVIVALS. A powerful work of grace was experienced, a year ago, in *Phillips Academy*, resulting in about fifty conversions. It began in the prayer-meeting. The theological students rendered valuable aid. In *Lawrence*, a religious interest commenced in the fall of 1874, which developed into a precious work of grace, carried on by the evangelical churches *in union*. In the *South Church*, the week of prayer was a beginning of good things; meetings were held for several weeks, the influence of which was most marked upon the young men and those of middle age. The conversions were of an interesting character and the converts have become active workers. In the *Kirk Street Church, Lowell*, a quiet but genuine work has been enjoyed. For five weeks, the pastor preached five nights a week. Thirty-three persons have been added to the church. At *Tyngsborough* and *North Chelmsford*, the churches have been blessed with a season of precious interest. At the former place, the Week of Prayer grew into a month of prayer, and the conversions have greatly strengthened the church. At both places the Christian Association of Lowell rendered valuable help. Upon the whole, this Conference may well thank God and take courage.

BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE.

The churches of this Conference appear to have enjoyed no unusual prosperity during the past year. One of them, at *Harwich*, has been passing through severe trials, which have resulted in the withdrawal of the church (we hope only for a time) from its ecclesiastical society. Other churches are suffering from pecuniary weakness. At *Hyannis*, where, a year or two ago, the signs of promise were so encouraging, there was no regular preaching during 1874. Since the present year began, however, services have been resumed. One of these feeble churches has set an example worthy of imitation. At *Truro*, on the 29th of December last, the twenty-fifth anniversary of

the settlement of Rev. *Edward W. Noble* over that church was celebrated with much interest. A large audience, representing nearly all the churches of the Conference, was in attendance, and a "testimonial of $300, from old parishioners and other friends," was presented to the pastor. Barnstable County suffers much from frequent changes in the pastorate. Unless the evil can be remedied, we cannot expect a really successful prosecution of Christian work.

REVIVALS. The church at *Centerville* is in the habit of holding a young people's meeting after the regular service of Sunday afternoon. This has been greatly blessed, having been the starting-point of a revival, in which "some very precious fruit was gathered." Here, also, the *Home Prayer Meeting* proved, "in an especial manner," a most valuable instrumentality. "The religious tendencies of the community are very plainly towards that unsectarian spirit which recognizes Christ alone as the one test of true religion, the only bond of real brotherhood." A revival of considerable power was also enjoyed at *South Dennis*, in connection with a visit of the State Committee of the Christian Association. The whole congregation was much moved; about fifteen persons were led to the Saviour; and a much larger ingathering, it is thought, might have been received but for the lack of a pastor. At *Wellfleet*, also, considerable interest prevailed during the winter, and there were several conversions; the state of religion is encouraging. The same may be said of the little church at *West Yarmouth*, which, last year, reported only fourteen numbers, but has received five additions.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS. The Sunday Schools appear to be vigorous. The church at *Yarmouth* has paid its debt. *Orleans* reports four hopeful conversions among the pupils of its Sabbath School. *Provincetown* is enjoying its remodelled meeting-house and a largely increased attendance. The church at *Chatham* has been paying debts and making repairs. Other churches are prosecuting their work with hopefulness.

Upon the whole, there seems to be a call and an encouragement for such earnest and united prayer as shall secure to these churches that power of the Holy Ghost which alone gives the enthusiasm, unity, and permanency necessary to a satisfying success.

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE.

The following Report has been received from the committee of this Conference: —

GENERAL CONVENTION. "Many of the churches are without pastors, and some are almost extinct. The time has fully come for efficient home missionary work; and for the plan, which is being adopted elsewhere, of combining two or more churches under one minister. Thus far this plan has not been accepted by any of these churches; but the Committee on the Work of the Churches can see

no other practicable method of meeting the necessities of the case. In these smaller churches the committee can report much faithful work on the part of the membership; but as a whole, there has been little calling for special mention."

PROGRESS. A few of the churches report decided progress. The *First Church, Williamstown*, that "the weekly worship of God by *offerings*, as a special feature of the Sabbath morning service, has resulted in more than doubling our benevolent contributions, and gives promise of better things in the future." "The ladies of this church and congregation deserve special mention for their untiring faithfulness in cultivating the social elements of the congregation and enlivening our worship with floral decorations." "Fourteen have united with the church from the Sabbath School during the year."

Hinsdale reports, "While there has not been a profound, yet there has been what might be termed a constant, religious interest. Quite a number of persons have been hopefully renewed within the year under the ordinary ministrations of the gospel. Conversions have occurred, not only among the young, but from those in middle life also. A new effort has been made, in the appointment of persons in the several districts to have special charge of the religious interests of those districts, to visit new-comers and invite them to church, and to do all in their power for bringing the gospel to all within their respective fields. Some good, we believe, has been done through this instrumentality. A *Young People's* Association, formed for religious, mental, and social improvement, has kindled an unlooked-for interest, and proved a marked success in every respect. We expect from it the best results. The church has lost an unusual number by removals from town, but the heart of those remaining is still hopeful. Slowly, but we trust, surely, the sense of personal responsibility is deepening, and there seems to be a growing desire to bring the gospel to all within the normal limits of the parish. The charities of the church are creditable to it."

The *First Church, Pittsfield*, records "steady increase in church membership, but no general awakening. The parish is divided into *fifteen districts*, each under the care of a leader, — a system which works well."

"The *South Church, Pittsfield*, also has had a steady increase in church membership, and a prosperous year. This church, at the time of preparing the present Report, is mourning over the removal to another field of labor of their much-loved pastor, Rev. Thomas Crowther, whose pastorate of three years has been signally blessed."

The largest increase during the year 1874 has been in the church at *North Adams*. One hundred and sixty-two were added to this church; of whom one hundred and thirty-six were received on pro-

fession of their faith for the first time. Of this number, seventy-two were heads of families, and one hundred and twenty-six were adults. Besides this number received to full membership, *twenty-five infants* were received by baptism, making the *whole number* taken within the fold of the church, in the year, one hundred and eighty-seven.

The membership of the church now stands on the roll five hundred and twenty; of which number thirty-five were reckoned as absentees at the beginning of 1875. The church prayer-meeting has increased, within the past two years, more than four-fold; so that now two hundred and more is not an unusual attendance.

The *Neighborhood Organization** has been maintained, and has proved an efficient means of promoting church growth. The *contributions* to benevolent purposes have been taken up in *weekly offerings* at the Sunday morning service, and have steadily increased.

During the religious interest of the past year, the church has been encouraged to *steady and persistent activity*, instead of spasmodic excitement. In the arrangement of meetings, regard has been had to plans that could be continuously maintained year after year. The work has been individualized. Responsibility has not been laid upon "the church" or upon "the meetings," but upon the individuals in the church. The work has been done hopefully. The thought has been, "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Signs of good still appear on every side, and not a communion has occurred for three years without several additions to the membership.

Berkshire South Conference.

The statistics from this Conference, which last year were complete, are very imperfect. "The action of the General Association (in declining to print), observes the committee, has made it impossible to get returns. Only eight out of our twenty churches have sent them in." But what is lacking this year in figures, is made up in the narrative of revivals and church work, which is of exceeding interest.

Revivals and Church Work. *Otis.* — Just about a year ago a remarkable work of grace began in Otis. In a community wholly composed of farmers, meetings were held daily, all through the busy season of the year. The attendance was large and the interest very deep. The special interest began in connection with the labors, from house to house, of "Uncle John Vassar," a lay missionary of the American Tract Society, N. Y. The results may be briefly summed up as including a most marked and permanent change in the whole spirit, appearance, and conduct of the people, which, says the pastor, cannot be overestimated. The active membership of the

* A subdivision of the parish mentioned in previous Reports.

church has been nearly doubled in numbers and more than quadrupled in working power.

Sandisfield, to which place the work spread from Otis, has also been revived. The new church at *New Boston* is placed upon a permanent and self-supporting basis, and the old church at the Centre is strengthened.

Mill River reports about thirty hopeful conversions. Twenty-four persons have already united with the church. The afternoon service has been discontinued, giving more time to the Sabbath School, which is largely increased. In the evening, preaching services are held in out-districts.

Southfield has experienced a quickening. There have been several conversions, and the church is stronger and full of hope. The same may be said of *New Marlborough* and *Alford*.

Stockbridge is taking special care of its out-districts, sustaining Sunday Schools, and giving up its pastor to them on Sabbath evenings.

Sheffield reports much interest during the past winter. There have been some remarkable conversions. Permanent results are hoped for. The Sabbath services and the Sunday School are better attended.

At *Housatonic* the same is true. The pastor reports, "Everything seems very hopeful." This church has adopted the plan of *weekly offerings* for benevolent purposes, with very gratifying results.

Mount Washington. — In this town, containing a scattered population of but two hundred and fifty persons, a Sabbath School has been constantly sustained for two years past. During the summer they have been supplied with preaching, and a small church was organized there last fall.

Lee reports prayer-meetings in two out-districts, but not so fully sustained as is desirable. Distance from church deadens religious interest, and people get into a state of apathy. The *Sunday School* is well sustained. Its concerts are full, and taken up with recitals of Scripture and addresses by the teachers. Forty conversions the past year. There was a *revival* during the winter and spring, — a gradual, still work. It began with the Week of Prayer. There were no laborers in it from without the church. Sixty-five persons have joined the church, on confession, twenty of them young men.

The pastor has *two classes* under his special instruction. The first a *Catechetical Class*, composed of boys and girls from ten to fifteen years old, and meeting once a fortnight at the parsonage. It has over forty members, — more boys than girls; and a number of them seem to have really entered on the Christian life. Then there is a *Bible Class* of young ladies, which engages in the study of doctrines and duties, from printed lesson-papers prepared by the pastor. Most of this class are communicants.

The *Young Men* have a prayer-meeting, held on Sunday evening, just before the service. This is attended by about forty. The pastor is sometimes present.

On the whole, this has been a very happy year for this church, and one of the most fruitful. About twenty persons are expected soon to join it.

Monterey has also shared in the heavenly blessing. For a number of years this church has kept up a *systematic visitation* of every family in the parish. It has also maintained a Friday afternoon prayer-meeting; and business is never so pressing as to interrupt it.

An evangelist began laboring in October. Helpers came in from neighboring towns that had enjoyed revivals. The people were greatly moved. Wednesday, the 21st of October, was observed as a day of fasting and prayer; and long will it be remembered, for the melting of hearts and the coming forward for prayers. "It seemed as if none of us could leave the room until we had taken each other by the hand." Of members of the Sunday School, over thirty were hopefully converted, and nearly or quite as many more were very thoughtful. The whole number of those who seemed to turn to the Lord is estimated at not less than one hundred, of all ages, from the man of seventy, to the child of tender years.

A *Class Meeting* has been formed, where "topics of Christian faith," previously given out, are familiarly considered, Bible in hand, with prayer and singing. "If any have peculiar temptations, or come into darkness, it is in order to let it be known at these meetings." The class meets every week.

The *Sunday School* is attended by persons of all ages. "Prayer and faithful effort on the part of teachers have been blessed." Some "whole classes are hoping in Christ."

Brookfield Conference.

The committee of the Conference make the following statement:—

The Churches. "Twenty-one churches nominally constitute the Brookfield Conference, but of these Dana has not had regular Sabbath services during the past year."

"The Union Church of *North Brookfield* has worshipped, most of the year, with the First Church, and their Sabbath Schools have been merged into one, though there has been no formal union of the two churches."

"All the other churches but one are supplied with pastors or acting pastors; and that one — West Brookfield — does not seem in the way of being supplied at once, — which is the more to be regretted as it is one of the largest in the Conference and abundantly able to support a pastor. Some of the churches in the hill towns are mourning the depletion of their numbers, and the decrease of their pecuniary

resources by removals. With these exceptions the churches of the Conference have, during the year, enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity."

CHURCH BUILDING. "The *First Church* in *North Brookfield* has remodelled its house of worship and procured an organ at a cost of $15,000, not only without incurring any debt but with a surplus of $2,000 in its treasury. Its pews are all let; and, better still, a good degree of religious prosperity has been enjoyed, though without any general revival."

"The church in *Warren*, whose house was destroyed by fire, have a fine edifice nearly completed, which will also be paid for when it is finished. The beautiful stone church at *Gilbertville* has been dedicated since the last meeting of Conference and *given* to the Society through the munificence of the late Hon. *George H. Gilbert* and his successors in business. The churches in Dana, Hardwick, Southbridge, Warren, and the First Church in Ware, report more than usual religious interest, with some conversions in each."

THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. "The Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association have visited several of the churches during the year with acceptance to the pastors and the people in all cases, so far as we are aware; and in some, with good apparent results."

GIVING. "The various causes of Christian benevolence have been well sustained, especially if we take into account the depression of business; some of the churches where this depression has been greatest keeping up to, or going beyond, the standard of former years. If the church which has given more than any other one in the Conference had only contributed a proportion of the net income of its members for the year, its gifts would probably have been a minus quantity; and yet its contributions have amounted to more than $4,000, — a fact which suggests the inquiry whether the rule of 'proportionate giving,' by which is meant giving a certain part of one's income, is compatible with the prosperity or even the existence of our benevolent societies."

"It would seem that the Jewish law of tithes, or any law based upon a like principle, cannot be adopted by us in these days. The New Testament rule, of laying by as God has prospered us, is quite another thing, and may well be followed; for it is prosperity, in times of financial embarrassment, for a man not to lose his property; and he may give according to his present ability even though his ledger shows a loss instead of a gain."

TEMPERANCE. "It is not easy to say whether the cause of temperance is, on the whole, gaining or losing ground. Some places are making increased effort for the suppression of intemperance, while others are not. Few temperance men are expecting any good results from the new license law; and perhaps most are coming to feel that,

though wholesome laws are desirable, yet it would be wise to rely less upon legislative, and more upon moral and religious, influences than we have in past years."

"The churches in this Conference are trying to cultivate the neglected portions of the vineyard by sustaining religious services in out-districts. The *West Church* of *Ware* has one such station; the church in *Spencer*, one; and the church in *Barre*, four."

"ROMANISM is making rapid strides among us; not by converts, but by the influx of foreigners. If its adherents were all citizens, in some of our largest villages they would be able to outvote the American population. It would seem as though God in His providence was bringing the two great antagonistic forms of belief that prevail in Christendom into such contact that the issues between them cannot be avoided."

"Shall we shrink from meeting these issues, or have any doubt as to the result when they are fairly met? If there is encouragement to send men to Spain, to Austria, and Mexico, to recover papists from their errors, how much more here, where we have an open Bible, schools, institutions of every kind, imbued with the spirit of Protestantism."

"There are, doubtless, serious difficulties in our way; but in this, as in all the service to which we are called by the Master, we shall find the truth of the Divine promise, — 'According to your faith be it unto you.'"

ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE.

The statistical returns of this Conference are ordinarily complete; but owing to some unexplained cause they have not been gathered this year, though we have reason to expect them hereafter as usual.

GENERAL CONDITION. The churches have enjoyed a good measure of general prosperity. The contributions in several instances were increased, in spite of the hard times; the Sunday Schools are full and interested, and in various quarters are signs of progress.

Two exceptions only occur. For a part of the year two houses of worship were closed, — the one in *Rowley*, and the one in the *first parish of West Newbury*, — facts difficult to explain.

A PLEASANT RECORD has been made by the church at *Amesbury Mills*. The meeting-house has been repaired and adorned, and the Spirit of the Lord has bestowed his blessing. Conversions have occurred; and twenty persons have been added to the membership. In *West Amesbury*, the contributions have been increased, and the system of church work has been kept up. The parish of this church has been divided into twelve districts. Work is prosecuted with method and energy. In the *Union Church of Amesbury and Salisbury*, there has been a considerable increase of religious interest. In *West*

Boxford, a parsonage is nearly completed; and contributions are larger. In *Bradford*, the system of work has been steadily maintained; the branch work has been successfully prosecuted; and a children's "Bee Hive" has raised several hundred dollars for the West. *Georgetown* (*First Church*) has completed a commodious and handsome church, and secured a subscription for its whole debt. *West Haverhill* again reports a renovation of its meeting-house and a new chapel, with general encouragements. The *Fourth Church*, *Haverhill*, reports "organized Christian work" and a helpful visit from members of a Christian Association. The *Center Church*, of the same city, having made experiment of a new order of services, has returned to the old. It shared in the general interest which pervaded the community at the beginning of the year. At the same time the *North Church* was greatly blessed. The power of the Holy Ghost was manifested, especially among the young people of the Sunday School. Several heads of families, with nearly every member of some of the classes, were brought into the kingdom of God. As a result, forty-one united with the church, and others are expected to join. There is an increased attendance at the prayer-meeting and a desire to render the Sunday School more effective.

The *First Church*, *Ipswich*, has also enjoyed an outpouring of the Spirit. The annual church fast, on the first Monday of the year, was a season of peculiar tenderness. The interest deepened; some persons spent whole nights in prayer. There was earnest repentance, agonizing prayer, active labor. A visit from the Young Men's Christian Association, of Salem, was received. Neighboring pastors assisted. Mr. Henry F. Durant labored for one week. "The revival penetrated the whole town, shaking it to the very centre. Never was there so much open opposition: infidel tracts were distributed, but all in vain. Large numbers were deeply impressed, and there were about forty hopeful conversions. Thirty-five persons have already united with the church; many of the converts were heads of families, and some, old men of threescore and ten. Whole families, parents and children, came together. In the *First Church* and in the *Byfield Church*, *Newbury*, early in the year, much interest prevailed, with some conversions. The churches of *Newburyport* have encouraging things to speak of. The *North* Church, with its new pastor, is taking on fresh hope. The *Whitefield* Church, upon the first day and upon the first Sabbath of the present year, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. The church was constituted on January 1, 1850, with twenty members. The whole number admitted is 367; by letter, 172; on profession, 195,— an annual average of between 14 and 15. The largest number received in any year was 59, in 1858.

Early in 1874 there was apparent a growing earnestness and spirituality in the church; the interest spread among the congregation, and

a number of persons became active and decided as Christians, nine of whom have joined the church. During the past year a *Young Men's Christian Association* has been organized in this city, and has performed a large amount of active labor. The *Second Church, West Newbury*, reports an increasing attendance, and a new activity of Christian women, who are taking part in meetings, and have made the Monthly Concert "one of the largest and the most interesting of all the social meetings."

Upon the whole, the year must be pronounced to have been, for this Conference, one of pleasant and healthful growth.

Franklin Conference.

Twenty-two churches have reported this year. Seventeen report the number of their *families*, as follows: Bernardston, 40; Charlemont, 55; Charlemont, East, 50; Coleraine, 60; Conway, 140; South Deerfield, 163; Erving, 40; Greenfield, 1st, 50; Hawley, East, 35; Hawley, West, 55; Montague, 126; Miller's Falls, 53; Shelburne, 73; Shelburne Falls, 150; Sunderland, 109; Warwick, 42; Wendell, 40, — a statement which clearly illustrates the condition of the "hill country."

One new church has been organized at *Turner's Falls*, and was recognized by a Council, May 4th, of the present year.

Regular Services. Six churches hold but one full service on the Sabbath, to wit: those in Bernardston, Deerfield, East Hawley, Montague, Miller's Falls, and Warwick. The Second Church in Greenfield and the church in Shelburne Falls have their second service in the evening. All the others follow the old custom.

Other Meetings. A number of the churches, if not all, have come into the habit of introducing considerable variety into the mode of conducting evening meetings. For example, we hear from *Ashfield* of praise-meetings, and of "alternate readings" of passages from the Bible and choice selections of religious poetry; in *Charlemont*, an evening is given up, sometimes to prayer and conference, and sometimes to Bible-reading, to a promise-meeting or praise-meeting; in *East Charlemont*, the Sabbath evening is set apart to the Monthly Concert, to a Bible-reading, a praise-meeting, or prayer-meeting; and it is very much the same in *Coleraine*, where, also, once in two months the Sunday-School concert takes the place of the afternoon service. In *Conway*, the value of the Sabbath evening meeting has been largely increased, for the time, by encouraging the young people to bring their Bibles and to join in reading the passages chosen for consideration. From *Montague*, again, we hear of the same variety, with the addition of *experience meetings*. *Warwick* makes mention of the praise-meeting; and *West Hawley*, of a *Fellowship meeting*, well attended.

CHURCH WORK, OUT-DISTRICTS. The reports from the churches give less indication of energy in Christian work than could be desired. The *Bernardston* church notes the fact that its *women* are beginning to assist in the prayer-meetings, both speaking and praying. The church in *Charlemont* holds a branch Sunday School during the summer months in Bozrah. At Zoar, in the same town, there is a Union Sunday School; as also, in *Coleraine*, at Christian Hill, and at Shattuckville, with occasional preaching. The *Conway* church has nine outposts, in each of which a weekly meeting is held by the Young Men's Christian Association. Similar meetings are held in four places by delegations of young men connected with the *Montague* church; and a little work is bestowed on Brush Valley by the pastor of the church in *Warwick*. The church in *Heath* has been left for months without a pastor, but is still hopeful, and expecting soon to welcome a devoted and earnest worker, who, since this Report was commenced, has entered upon his labors. There is no report of anything done for *Rowe* or *Monroe*, towns containing no Congregational church, but for which the pastor of Heath has hitherto secured Sunday Schools and prayer-meetings for a part of the year. Upon the whole, the work in out-districts appears to the committee of the Conference to be lacking in confidence and in definiteness of plan.

The SUNDAY SCHOOLS seem to be in good condition. That in *Ashfield* has been blessed with seven conversions.

The TEMPERANCE cause receives some attention. In *Charlemont* a Good Templar's Lodge is endeavoring to educate the young in right principles, and in *Erving* a similar organization "is doing effective service." In *Warwick* most of the Sunday-School scholars have taken the pledge.

REVIVALS. Considerable religious interest prevailed in *Conway* in the spring of 1874, and seven persons, all under twenty, were received into the church. At *Miller's Falls* a season of refreshing grew out of the week of prayer, and about a score of young people found Christ, sixteen of whom have been received to the church, and blessed effects still continue. In *Sunderland* a renewal of spiritual interest began to show itself in December, and before the month ended six persons were hoping in Christ. Since the 1st of January, 1875, seasons of refreshing have been enjoyed in *Ashfield, Coleraine, West Hawley, Heath*, and *Sunderland*.

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.

REVIVALS. The churches of this Conference have, in general, been encouraged by evident tokens of the Spirit's abiding presence. *Tolland* and *East Granville* have received refreshing showers of Divine grace; *East Longmeadow*, the *First* and *Olivet* Churches in Springfield, have been greatly quickened, and in *South Hadley Falls*

there has been a signal and powerful revival. "We are happy to say," adds the report from which we copy, "that the emotional and spasmodic type of piety which formerly depended almost solely on revivals, with unhappy intervals of spiritual dearth, has been gradually giving way to a more constant sense of responsibility and a heartier faith."

PARSONAGES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS. The Conference is, in general, well furnished in these respects, but *Blandford* reports a new parsonage; *Chester Centre*, *Feeding Hills*, and *Indian Orchard*, important church repairs. The *South Church*, in *Springfield*, have built, in a new and central location, a very elegant and costly house of worship; and the *First Church* in *Longmeadow* have reconstructed their ancient meeting-house in a thorough and beautiful manner, making other important improvements. The *First Church* in *Springfield* have completed a beautiful and commodious chapel, specially adapted to the stated Sabbath afternoon service, at a cost of about $35,000.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE. The system of Reports of Charities in this conference is far more complete and laborious than any in use in any other part of the State. The last returns show a gratifying increase, from $31,545.21, for 1873, to $49,682.66, for 1874.

"The plan of *Weekly Offerings* is quite successful in some of the churches. The *First Church* in *Westfield*, however, finds the system working badly for its charities, though well for its expenses. The *First Church* in *Longmeadow* has proved, by an unvarying success for more than forty years, the efficiency of a 'Parish Benevolent Association,' which appoints annually male and female collectors, who go their regular monthly rounds for appointed objects."

During the past year "The Hampden County Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions" has been organized, embracing twenty auxiliary societies, and on the twenty-fourth of November had received $1,679.76. For other purposes the women of the *First Church*, *Springfield*, in addition to their arduous work of visitation, have raised over $2,500. The "little girls" in the *Second Church*, *Holyoke*, have been formed into a band of "*Merry Workers*," for the cultivation of a missionary interest, and have agreed to give two cents a week. From the *Second Church* in *Westfield*, also, we hear that the girls of the congregation have organized themselves into an industrial guild for missionary and benevolent purposes.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The spiritual efficiency of Sunday Schools is on the increase, mainly through the more thorough study of the Bible, occasioned by the uniform lessons and the helps and incentives therewith connected. The schools are also becoming more thoroughly identified with the churches as corporate and recognized parts of the church organization and life. In the majority of cases the schools are under the control of and responsible to the church.

Several *Branch* schools have been formed during the year, specially interesting in rural parishes, like *Monson* and *Wilbraham*. In the latter place a *public conveyance*, free to all who wish to attend the morning services and Sabbath School, runs regularly, at the expense of members of the church. In the *First* and *Olivet* churches, *Springfield*, the *Bible Service* has proved, on long and thorough trial, greatly successful. "These are decidedly conspicuous amongst our most active and earnest churches." In the latter church this service occupies the morning, and is followed by a prayer-meeting of twenty minutes, which has been greatly enjoyed. Five sixths of the recent admissions to the church have been from the regular attendants upon the Bible Service.

"OTHER METHODS. Our churches present to the annual meeting of Hampden Conference *written Reports*, carefully prepared and condensed, as the preliminary business of the session, which occupied two days. These Reports give the annual history of each church, its methods, failures or successes, statistics, and whatever has been peculiar to its experience for the year, with a view to publication and preservation in the forthcoming pamphlet of ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. We thus make up a history from year to year, of present and permanent value."

A *Committee on Church Fellowship*, "to suggest or receive suggestions, and arrange for church visitations, local Conferences, and other measures for more efficient co-operation and fellowship in our common work," has proved greatly useful. To illustrate: The church in *Chester Centre* say in their annual report: "We were encouraged and helped by the visit of the Committee of Conference." And the church in *Tolland* say: "In the month of August several brethren visited us and meetings were held afternoon and evening. Their words of sympathy and encouragement seemed to awaken new life, and stimulated Christians to greater earnestness and more importunate and prevailing prayer." Among the good results of this quickening, as it increased, were "the reclaiming of backsliders and restoring them to their first love; and the hopeful conversion of thirty or more."

"*Lay Workers* and *Neighborhood or Household Prayer-Meetings*. To illustrate this lay work. A member of the *Olivet Church*, *Springfield*, who had himself been instrumental in establishing a Sabbath School in a neglected hill district, while summering at Blandford, and had become personally aware of the religious wants of that region, employed Bro. John Vassar, the veteran colporteur of the American Tract Society, at his private expense, by arrangement with the Society, to be a lay visitor, going from house to house and holding prayer-meetings wherever opportunity offered. The results were of great spiritual value.* Though at first appearances were extremely discour-

* See Report of Berkshire South Conference.

aging, a revival spirit was kindled which went far abroad among those hill towns. One church reports, 'Especially would we express our gratitude for the faithful and earnest labors of Bro. John Vassar,' also mentioning other helpers."

"This simple method, of Household prayer-meetings, this going out as the original disciples did, two by two, entering into this or that house with the Gospel greeting, 'Peace be to this house,' inviting ourselves in the Master's name, carrying His love in winning and homely friendliness to those who will not come to seek it, is one of the most genuine and powerful, as well as simple and natural, methods of Christian work. A man of average good sense, a good earnest spirit, and accompanied, if possible, by two or three persons who know how to sing as well as pray, can be useful almost anywhere, but especially in indifferent or neglecting households."

"*Woman's Work in the Church.* The *Second Church* in *Westfield* say: "We have appointed as a permanent committee of the church a "*Woman's Committee of Relief and Counsel.*" They are chosen for three years at the annual church meeting, and are expected to supplement the work of the deacons by the special care of the sick and needy among the women and children of the congregation.'"

"The *First Church* in *Springfield* divides the parish into thirty districts, which are apportioned to thirty women, chosen from among those willing to 'labor in the Gospel.' They aim to visit all the families in their several districts, to whom they may find reasonable and friendly access, once in three months, paying special attention to the stranger, the poor, the aged, and the children, and informing the pastor of all cases requiring his personal attention."

"*Social Culture.* Our mission chapels, vigorously enlisting the young blood and warm hearts, not yet stiffened by habit and caste and conventionalities, and not partitioned off by pews, have indirectly become the happiest centres of social as well as religious culture. As to methods, our churches are learning to adapt themselves to human nature in its varied wants and circumstances. For instance, the *First Church* in *West Springfield*, representing an old rural parish, say: 'During the past winter a reading club, comprising most of the young people, many of those in middle life, and a few of the old, met once in two weeks. This meeting was so well sustained, and such improvement was made, not only intellectually but socially, and it is hoped religiously, that the formation of such societies generally, especially in the rural districts, that are, as a rule, debarred from the privilege of attending public readings and lectures, is warmly advocated. . . . An interesting feature of some of our Sunday evening prayer-meetings has been their being held at *private residences*, and the reading of brief religious articles and extracts; for instance, from Dr. Spencer's 'Pastor's Sketches,' or 'Pilgrim's Progress,' or the 'Holy War.'"

"In another rural parish, *Monson*, — where the villagers and the farmers had been socially too much apart, — since the new church was finished, with its sensible, social conveniences, 'the ladies have had a series of 'sociables' in its parlors, which have been very attractive and secured good results, already apparent.'"

Hampshire Conference.

The committee of this Conference furnishes the following Report: —

"Externally the churches of Hampshire Conference are in good condition. All the towns are supplied with sanctuaries which the people can attend without special inconvenience, and there are no neighborhoods of any extent that are made up of neglecters."

"Ten churches have pastors, six have acting pastors, and only two are vacant. The houses of worship are in good condition, and in general the ministers are provided with commodious and pleasant parsonages."

The Churches. "The churches of *Williamsburg and Haydenville*, which suffered so severely in the Mill River flood last year, have rallied nobly, and are beginning to rejoice in returning prosperity. At *Leeds*, where the chapel was swept away, the Sunday School has been maintained in the railroad station. Several hundred dollars have already been raised, and the people are confidently looking forward to the time when they shall have a new sanctuary. The neighborhood of *West Farms*, in Northampton, has been for several years supplied by a faithful lay preacher, Mr. W. D. Clapp, of Northampton, and at the chapel at *Hospital Hill*, services are held every Sabbath, conducted frequently by laymen."

"Within the Conference, there has been a good degree of religious interest. During the year nearly *two hundred* have been added to the churches by profession. In *Southampton*, there is much religious activity and many of the youth have been reached. Nearly *forty* additions to the church are reported. In *Westhampton*, the church has been enlarged and strengthened by the accession of about *forty* new members; and self-sustaining meetings are now held in the different neighborhoods. In *Easthampton*, the prayer-meetings are full of interest, in both the churches, and many conversions are reported. In *Goshen*, the people were greatly moved during the winter on the subject of *temperance*, and that awakening has been followed by a *revival* of religion which promises to add much to the strength of the church." In *Cummington*, a very interesting *revival* has been in progress during the year, and already between *thirty and forty* have joined the church, many of them heads of families. Self-sustaining meetings have been held at *Swift River* village.

Services. The churches generally adhere to the old custom, and have services morning and afternoon with Sunday School sandwiched

between them and a prayer-meeting in the evening. Some of them omit the second service during the hot weather. The *Edwards Church*, Northampton, has services morning and evening, and the church in *Florence* has had no afternoon service for two or three years. They have preaching in the morning, followed by Sunday School, and a prayer-meeting in the evening, and they like it.

Hampshire East Conference Services.

The committee have forwarded the following Report: —

"Nearly all the churches have the preaching services on the Sabbath except during the months of July and August, the second service, in some instances, being held in the evening. The conviction is growing, however, that one sermon, in each Sabbath, would be wiser and better. Singing is filling a larger and larger place in the social meetings; such meetings are becoming less formal, more conversational and familiar, the true idea of the prayer-meeting being better understood and appreciated."

"More rather than less interest is taken in the *Sunday School*. Its 'concert' is made a religious meeting, and is very fully attended. Almost or quite universally, the schools use the 'Uniform Lessons.'"

"*Out-Districts* are few. In some of the parishes there are none. Where they exist, something is done — for most or all in the way of both preaching and social meetings. *Union District* in *Belchertown* has, at times, had a Sunday School sustained by students from Amherst College. A district prayer-meeting is held occasionally. A few of the people attend public worship at the Centre, but more hear preaching but seldom. More effort is to be made for their good this summer. *Greenwich Village* has had preaching somewhat during the year by the pastor at Greenwich, and social meetings quite frequently."

Revivals. "A few of the churches have enjoyed the special presence of the Spirit. The church in *Belchertown* was so blessed a year or more ago, fourteen persons having been added to it by profession. The churches in *Granby*, *South Hadley*, and *South Hadley Falls* have been greatly quickened since the opening of the present year. Those in *Granby* and *South Hadley* have already received about thirty each to their membership, and are expecting yet other additions. The work was powerful at *South Hadley Falls*, both the Congregational church and the Methodist sharing in it; probably from eighty to ninety have been hopefully converted. In connection with the old church, forty or more have expressed hope in Christ, many of whom are expected to join its communion on the first Sabbath in July. The interest began with the Week of Prayer, but was extended and deepened by the canvass of the State Committee of the Young Men's Christian

Association. The subjects of the work are mainly among the young, though not confined to this class."

"A few of the churches have taken up *Christian working and Christian giving*, systematically, and therefore more successfully in all respects."

"Considerable influence is felt, in some part of the Conference, in the cause of *temperance*. Some of the pastors have preached special sermons upon the subject. From present appearances, under the working of the new law, there will be a louder call yet before the summer is ended, for temperance work."

"The religious *tendencies* of our communities are mainly in the direction of evangelical Christianity, there being very few unevangelical pulpits or organizations."

"On the whole, the general state of religion and morals remains much as it has been heretofore. It will compare favorably, we suppose, with that of any other part of our Commonwealth."

Mendon Conference.

The statistical returns from the churches of this Conference are complete, but the reports of work are, in general, meager.

Services. Few of the churches have departed from the established order of morning and afternoon service, with a devotional meeting in the evening. Only one reports preaching in the evening.

The Sunday Schools are all in a prosperous condition.

Out-Districts. These, so far as reported, are cared for with very praiseworthy energy. *Norfolk City Mills* has been brought under the wing of the Home Missionary Society, the minister at Norfolk looking after this place and *Feltonville*. A good attendance is reported, both at the preaching services and at the Sunday School. At *East Foxborough*, the new chapel is paid for; the Sunday School is regularly kept up; and four pastors of the neighborhood unite in maintaining an afternoon preaching service. In *South Foxborough*, a Sunday School has been sustained, mainly by neighbors who are members of the church at the Centre. Much interest has been manifested here in the temperance cause; many meetings have been held, and the pledge has been freely circulated.

The Neglecting Classes. Of *Mansfield*, we learn that very commendable efforts have there been made, to seek out those unable to attend church. The wants of the poor have been supplied. "The amount expended in private charities has largely exceeded the contributions for the benevolent societies." From *Milford*, the report is: "The neglecting classes, very large; nothing effective done." They are characterized by unbelief and ignorance, free love, and *spiritist* views, and no little wickedness.

REVIVALS. At *Mansfield*, the year was one of religious progress, with a quiet but well sustained interest. Few additional meetings were held, but there was a good deal of personal conversation. Most of the additions were from the young people. On the whole, much has been done for the church, the Sunday School, and for Christian charities, all because the people had a mind to work.

But in *Foxborough*, the blessed visitation was one of great power. Hopeful indications appeared in the preceding fall. Providence favored the beginning, in an absence of anything calculated to divert attention. The interest developed gradually from the Week of Prayer. For a time, union meetings were held with the Baptists, but soon each church was working by itself. Both young men and maidens were moved by the Spirit and testified. The prophecy of Joel seemed to be fulfilled. Two or three services were held during the week, in which neighboring ministers assisted; prayer and song and personal witnessing bore an important part. The Sunday School was a help, in some instances, to a very marked degree. As a *result*, the pastor has a list of *seventy-five* persons who give hopeful evidence of regeneration, of whom *fifty-one* had already (at the time the Report was made) united with the church. Some entire families came in. There has been no reaction.

CHURCH WORK. This same church (*Foxborough*) reports: "We are organized for work, on the departmental plan, with eight 'leaders' and eight 'assistant leaders,' who are ladies. We hold the *Home Concert* and occasionally a *Fellowship Meeting*."

TEMPERANCE. Again, the same Report adds: "We have formed an open *Union Temperance Society*, which has held monthly meetings, with lectures and other exercises. The *Ladies' Society* has also been very efficient here. I believe it is generally so throughout the Conference."

MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE.

Full reports have been received from all the churches except the one in Dover, now without a pastor.

FAMILIES. Thirteen churches report 1,730 families, an average of 133, — by which it would appear that the parishes average about 600 souls.

MODES OF COLLECTION. The church in *South Framingham* reports, "Running expenses paid promptly on the *envelope* system each month. Seats free." From *Framingham Centre*, we hear that "the *weekly offering* system continues a success. A certain per cent is set apart to the parish debt. Numerous individuals, however, give considerable sums in private ways." *Northborough* finds the *envelope* system "entirely successful" for current expenses. In *Marlborough*, the collections are taken principally by *envelopes*, in which the children, to some extent, join. In *Natick*, "money for expenses is raised monthly

on the *envelope* plan with excellent success. The church in *Lincoln* has "a *weekly offering* for religious purposes additional to methods hitherto used."

SERVICES. Little mention is made of new forms or times of service. The *South Framingham* church makes use of the *Bible Service*, the *Praise Meeting*, and a "*Drill Service* for bringing out all the gifts of the congregation." On Sabbath evenings there are *responsive readings*, which are also used in *Southborough*. In *Lincoln*, the Sunday School Concert occupies the afternoon of the third Sabbath of each month. In several cases mention is made of the improvement secured by more careful attention to singing.

CHURCH WORK, OUT-DISTRICTS. The church in *Wellesley* holds a monthly temperance prayer-meeting, and at *Ridge Hill Farms* a Sunday School. The prayer-meetings of *Natick* and *South Natick* have "*exchunged visits* with evident profit." In the summer there is preaching once a month at *Morseville;* and in the winter the Christian Association at Natick holds Sunday evening prayer-meetings. *Marlborough* reports systematic work in three prosperous organizations, two of adults and one of children and youth, each working on a distinct plan and with a different object. *Southborough* keeps up the Home Prayer-Meeting and weekly temperance lectures and discussions. In *Holliston*, a "Mission Circle" of forty or fifty children meets under the care of the pastor's wife, with happy results. At *Braggville*, a Sunday School and prayer-meeting are sustained by the residents, and neighboring pastors, of different denominations, hold monthly services. In *Wayland*, a member of the church, living four miles away, has maintained a prayer-meeting in his neighborhood for seven years, in connection with which a *revival* has been enjoyed the past year, resulting in fifteen hopeful conversions. In three out-districts, in *Natick*, Sabbath evening meetings, of much interest, are regularly held by the Christian Association, — all of them blessed with conversions. The pastor of this church has been preaching on Sunday afternoons at *Cochituate*. He reports "no organized plan for neglecters, yet a steady gain on the *Bee Hive* plan," — in which each worker toils by himself. From *Hopkinton* we learn that a weekly inquiry-meeting has been held for some months, beginning with the Week of Prayer. Almost every meeting showed signs of personal interest, and about twenty persons have joined the church, mostly led by this instrumentality. The *Ashland* church maintains a Sunday School in the *Oregon* district, and aids in meetings at *Park's Corner*.

REVIVALS. A quiet religious interest has been enjoyed in *Holliston*, bringing fifteen persons into the church, and others are looked for. Ten have been gathered into the church at *Southville*, and fifteen more are looked for, and nearly twenty also at *Hopkinton*, and fifteen at *Wayland*. Again at *Bear Hill*, in *Hopkinton*, the labors of the

Christian Association (with some help from the pastors) have been blessed with nearly twenty hopeful renewals.

Frequent mention is made in the narratives of the Sunday Schools, which would seem to be in a very prosperous condition. The cause of temperance, also, is not forgotten; and in several places "Bands of Hope" and "Reform Clubs" appear to be doing good.

On the whole, while the year has been marked by no unusual success, the returns indicate a healthful growth and a solid progress.

Middlesex Union Conference.

This Conference is in the habit of publishing the Minutes of its spring and autumnal meetings. Last fall, for example, it voted to print 1,200 copies, and also to distribute among the churches 1,000 programmes as a notification of the meetings. An assessment of five cents for each resident member was made for these and other expenses. The Minutes, as published, contain in addition to the usual record of business, a brief summary of all important papers and discussions, and the report of the state of religion, together with a complete *Table of Charities.*

May it not be safe to say that, in any part of the State, this example is worthy of imitation?

The Report of the last year appears to fail, however, of doing real justice to the churches. It is lacking in *facts*, and appears to have been made up from brief, extemporaneous statements of pastors and delegates. There is really little indication in this statement, of the energy and fidelity which, we are persuaded, these churches have shown; but there are a few particulars of interest.

The churches in *Acton*, for example, have been more than ordinarily blessed; a goodly number of persons have made profession of their faith; meetings have been held in out-districts, and have been well attended, reaching many persons who are seldom seen in church.

The church in *Ashby* has received ten upon confession of faith; more than usual interest has prevailed; many of the church-members have been quickened, and have become more earnest and active. Sunday Schools have been held in these out-districts, and were attended by many who are not found at church. A large proportion of the congregation is connected with the Sunday School, and much interest is felt in the study of the lessons.

The church in *Boxborough* has enjoyed a season of unusual interest, requiring additional meetings, and resulting in eleven additions to the church, which has been greatly strengthened and encouraged.

In *Dunstable*, the Sunday School is more prosperous than it has been for years. "Three fourths of the audience are members"; contributions have been increased; many have been quickened by the Spirit.

We find brief reference to the holding of Bible services, and to meetings in out-districts in connection with other churches.

Upon the whole, this statement makes the impression of about the ordinary measure of activity and success.

Norfolk Conference.

The Chairman of the committee of this Conference has been prevented by ill-health from preparing a Report, as he had wished to do, and the following statement is made up at some disadvantage.

The general tenor of the reports from the churches is more encouraging than for some years. A new energy seems to have been infused into the churches, and they rejoice in their work. Two circumstances seem to have contributed, in some measure, to this result, — a greater variety in meetings and methods, with more of constancy in plans, and the *Uniform Lessons* of the *Sunday Schools*. More important than any circumstances has been the direct blessing of Heaven. The *Bible Service* has recently been introduced at *Sharon* with good prospects. At *Stoughton* it continues "to give increasing satisfaction."

Notes of the Churches. The church at *Cohasset* has sustained a meeting in an out-district, with a good attendance of women and children, but the men keep aloof; scepticism prevails, and is sustained by social influences. The *First Church, Braintree*, gives up every fifth Sunday to a praise-meeting, and the fourth to a union temperance meeting. In *South Braintree*, the cause of temperance has been greatly promoted by a Town Temperance Society, meeting once a month, on Sunday evenings, in the several churches. In *Hingham* a fortnightly sociable, of a somewhat literary character, has been a most gratifying success in promoting acquaintance and good feeling among people who had been comparatively and perhaps wholly strangers to one another. Members of the *Stoughton* Church have established a neighborhood meeting, in a locality remote from all religious privileges, with good results. A visit of a delegation of the Christian Association to this town appears to have had a happy effect. "Being laymen, they were able to reach some who could not be so readily influenced by clergymen. This church has recently adopted the plan of the *Weekly Offering*. Here, too, temperance meetings come in on the last Sunday evening of the month; but the increase of drunkenness since the last State election has been "very obvious." *Sharon* also devotes one Sunday evening a month to temperance. The church in *Easton* has established a Branch school in the eastern part of the town, with an attendance of fifty, and evident usefulness. Here, again, the *Weekly Offering* has immediately increased the charitable collections. The *Central Square Church* (Bridgewater) has dispensed with Lesson-papers in its school, applying "general principles of investigation," and reports, as a result "more interest

and profit" in studying the Scriptures. In *South Weymouth, Second* Church, notwithstanding the severity of the times has been acutely felt, *the contributions* increased from $903 (in '73) to $1,205. From *Campello*, again, we hear of Bible-readings, praise-meetings, and the substitution of the Sunday School for the afternoon service. The attendance gained one hundred in six months.

It is delightful to read the report from *Holbrook*, where for so many years a most unhappy division existed. The restoration of good feeling seems complete. The people are, with gladness and thanksgiving, enlarging their meeting-house, and meanwhile appear to be pushing zealously forward in every good work, holding five prayer-meetings a week, — of the church, the young men, the young women, the old ladies, and another on Saturday evening. Despite the hard times they have increased their charities.

REVIVALS. The same church has also enjoyed a quiet work of grace, resulting in twenty or more hopeful conversions. The blessed revival in *Easton*, a year ago, brought into the church thirty-three persons, of whom "numbers" give promise of eminent usefulness. A revival of considerable power marked the opening of the year in *Quincy*. Thirty-eight persons have been added to the church on confession of faith. The pulse of the church beats stronger; all things look more hopeful. In *Bridgewater* (Central Square), the past year was one of unusual prosperity. Twenty-five new members were welcomed to the Lord's table. In the *Second Church, South Weymouth*, a quiet work of grace continued for some months, and seventeen souls were gathered in, all but one members of the Sunday School. In the *First Church* a revival began with the Week of Prayer, which added twenty-six to its membership, and quite a number of others were interested who may unite hereafter. In *Randolph*, likewise, the third day of the Week of Prayer had not passed before the "Spirit of the Lord seemed verily to descend upon us," writes the pastor, "surprising our unbelieving hearts. Christians were deeply moved, a spirit of believing prayer was developed such as the church had not seen probably for many a year, and a goodly number of youth and youthful heads of families gave evidence of a change of heart. The interest was greatly increased by the meetings held by the *canvassers* of the *Christian Association*. To these visitors the most cordial welcome was extended, both by the church and its pastor, and the feeling towards them is one of gratitude. From *North Weymouth*, again, we hear that "a continuous revival spirit has been manifested. Four weekly prayer-meetings were sustained throughout the year, and were large and profitable. Sixty-nine persons joined the church. A Young Mens' Association was formed and has done good service. The Sunday School has improved every way. A good measure of interest continues. The whole community has been perceptibly

influenced. The church is thankful. In *Campello* a revival began in December. A Sunday School teacher was taken sick and began to pray and talk with his class; most of the class were led to a personal consecration of themselves; other teachers took courage and followed the example given them; the whole church united in special daily prayer; practical sermons were preached, and the church-members worked together. There have been about thirty hopeful conversions in the school. Surely these are pleasant histories, significant though brief.

Old Colony Conference.

One of the pastors of this Conference has furnished the following facts: —

The Rev. *A. H. Quint*, D. D., pastor of the *North Church*, *New Bedford*, having been laid aside by illness for five months, has found himself compelled to send in a letter of resignation.

The church in *Wareham* reports its pastor nearly blind, but preaching with more power than ever. This church is trying the afternoon Bible-service, and already finds it quickening and profitable. The *First Church*, *Fairhaven*, reports their Bible-service as thriving more and more. *Mattapoisett* has enjoyed a refreshing revival, which has done the church much good. The *Central Church*, *Middleborough*, has also been blessed with an extensive work of grace. A large number of the old and the young have been gathered into the church.

The other churches are progressing in about the usual manner.

Pilgrim Conference.

The churches of this Conference have made full returns, which have been embodied in a Report of much value.

Families. The whole number of families reported by these fifteen churches is 1,200, the largest parish embracing 240, the smallest 42, and the average number being 80, or about 360 souls. It should be observed, however, that ordinarily the returns appear to include few beside the church-going households. To these, manifestly, *ought* to be added such neglecting families as naturally fall to the care of these churches.

Church Services and Religious Meetings. Few innovations of any consequence have crept in. In *Duxbury* the afternoon service having been transferred to the evening, a "half-hour prayer-meeting" precedes it and a praise-meeting, of fifteen minutes, follows it. These changes have had a good effect. In the closing exercises the hymns are very brief and are sung without loss of time in reading, voluntaries, or interludes; the singing is sustained by a good choir, and is found to be "very comforting and spiritually attractive."

The church in *Halifax*, we are pained to learn, has been "without preaching or any Sabbath service for upwards of a year." This is not merely sad, it is wrong. It ought to be a moral impossibility for a Congregational parish to suffer such a deprivation of the gospel. In *Kingston*, the Baptists and Congregationalists for nine months were united in their prayer-meetings. The services of an evangelist were also shared by the two churches, and for a time the meetings were very encouraging and brought out persons who are not in the habit of attending church. There were quite a number of inquirers. A few hopeful conversions followed. In the *Church of the Pilgrimage*, the evening service is preceded by a prayer-meeting, and in the service itself a large place is given to singing, with good outward results. Here, also, a church Fellowship Meeting is held once a month. From *Scituate*, again, we hear that "one young woman has done a great deal of good by interesting the young people in singing, which has greatly enlivened all the services."

On the whole, the Report conveys the impression of a conservative spirit in reference to religious meetings, and yet of an increase of enterprise.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. There appears to be a wholesome growth of interest in the study of the Bible. *Kingston* holds its Sunday School concert in place of an afternoon service. From several schools we hear of conversions.

OUT-DISTRICTS. At *South Ponds*, in Plymouth, there is a chapel used by different denominations, but at present without regular services. At *Wellingsly*, in the same town, a similar chapel has been occupied by the pastors of *Chiltonville* and the *Church of the Pilgrimage*. At *Sea-side*, in the northern part of the town, where a Sunday School has long been sustained by the last named church, the chapel is now used by a *Lutheran* church recently organized and provided with a minister. The people of *Rocky Nook*, in *Kingston*, are within reach of the meetings held at this place. In *South Carver* there is a "union meeting-house," but little Congregational preaching. At *Tar-Kiln*, in *Duxbury*, stands "Temperance Hall," sometimes used for evangelical services, but more often occupied by Spiritists. The pastor of the *Plympton* church frequently holds meetings in *North Plympton*, where, also, a Sunday School is kept up a part of the year. Upon the borders of *Kingston* and *Pembroke* there is a chapel controlled by Methodists, but open to other denominations; and in *Ashdod*, in the western part of *Duxbury*, a union chapel; *Mayoun Chapel*, near *Hanover Corner*, just over the line of *Pembroke*, has had occasional services. Within the parish of the *First Church*, *Marshfield*, there is a place of summer resort known as *Green Harbor*, for which the pastor does what he can. Religious services are also held at times during the summer at *Brant Rock*.

The population of these resorts at about the middle of August is estimated at 1,000. It is obvious that the churches are not able to work these out-districts with vigor.

NEGLECTERS. The number of people who should be counted as neglecters varies in different towns, from one fourth to one half of the population. In *Plymouth*, it is estimated at thirty or forty per cent, and many anti-Christian tendencies exist. From another quarter, we hear that a division among Christians is the occasion of growing neglect; from still another, that "a large portion of the people have no sympathy with the church, and do not attend upon its ordinances"; and again we read, "Neglecters are many." No vigorous movement in behalf of this class of the population is reported from any quarter.

REVIVALS. No general work of Divine grace is spoken of. Accounts of conversions, however, and of other encouraging signs, have been received from *Duxbury*, *Hanson*, *Kingston*, *Marshfield Second*, and *Plymouth Second*. In *Marshfield First* and in the *Church of the Pilgrimage*, appear tokens of good.

SYSTEMATIC WORK. The *Church of the Pilgrimage* keeps up the methods established three years ago, having four committees, of ten persons each, a Committee on General Visitation, on the Sunday School, on Relief, and on the Care of the Sick, Aged, and Afflicted.

TEMPERANCE. Most of the towns have organizations of the Sons of Temperance or the Good Templers. A strong interest is taken in the cause, and it is felt that the churches ought to engage in it more directly and vigorously, and that it is a mistake to leave it so much in the hands of other organizations.

In concluding their Report the committee raise important inquiries. The twelve towns embraced within the limits of the Conference contain the following churches: Congregational, 15; Methodist, 9; Baptist, 8; Episcopal, 2; Advent, 2; Unitarian, 7; Universalist, 3; "Union," 1; in all 47. There are also two or three Romanist churches and two or three Spiritist meetings. None of the Unitarian churches are of recent date.

Even this diversity fails to represent all the shades of belief found in these communities. Their general religious condition bespeaks a lack of tone, such as is apt to appear in places that have long suffered the drain of emigration, and which yet is much greater than it ought to be. The committee refer to the fact that these towns are the original seat of the Pilgrim Fathers, once the stronghold of their piety and zeal; and they ask, *What can be done?*

In reply, they first call attention to the fact that the Pilgrim Conference does not embrace the strength of Plymouth County; and express the opinion, that if the neighboring churches, which seem appropriately

to belong with them, would really join them, it would be a very great help. At present, of the thirty-five Congregational Churches in the county, only *fifteen* are connected with this Conference, and of the 4,197 Congregational communicants, only 1,245, or less than *three tenths*, are found in its churches. "Has not the time come," the committee ask, "for such a redistricting of the Conferences as shall both give us more power for our home work, and better represent the religion of the Pilgrim Fathers before the country and the world, here in their old home?" Such a measure, if entered into heartily, would lend new courage to these enfeebled churches and increase the interest and the power of their Conference meetings.

"Extraordinary efforts" are sometimes called for, and the committee submit the inquiry, in the second place, whether the present condition of a considerable portion of this county does not demand the employment of special agencies. — This seems to us a call which the churches cannot refuse to hear.

Suffolk North Conference.

We make the following extracts from the very interesting Report of the committee of this Conference: —

"Fifteen of our twenty churches have this year reported to the conference, while returns were made last year by only seven, and the year before by only two, showing an encouraging gain. Many of the reports are thorough, all are valuable."

Old and New. — "The old *Salem-street* meeting-house was given up last December, upon the removal of the *Salem and Mariner's Church* to the new Sailor's Home. The *First Church, Cambridge*, has finished its meeting-house by the erection of a massive and shapely spire, topped by the historic cockerel which rests again in the faith of the fathers. The church in *East Cambridge* still struggles for life. A council held two sessions, but the plan which it recommended has failed of trial. The Mission at *Mount Auburn*, under the care of the *First Church* of *Cambridge*, is very flourishing, preaching services are regularly held, and weekly meetings, at which college students render valuable assistance. A *neighborhood meeting* has been commenced in *Chelsea*, in a locality which is believed to require a new church. Accompanying this opening of new fields, there is a rapid growth in the churches, nearly all reporting an increase of families and congregations."

Methods and Measures. — "Three churches print Annual Reports. Five churches are supported by free-will offerings. The *Franklin-street Church, East Somerville*, furnishes a course of lectures in the early winter. The pastor preaches to the children once a month; church sociables are held every fortnight. The *Winnisimmet Church, Chelsea*, reports the participation of ladies in the monthly

concerts; successful praise concerts; a lecture course; a monthly *deacon's meeting*, where the pastor and deacons, with their wives, take tea together, and confer over the interests of the church (an excellent idea), also fellowship meetings, and a meeting of all who have joined the church during the year, held at the house of one of the deacons."

"A *Union Teachers' Meeting* has been in operation in Chelsea for several months, conducted by the several pastors, and is reported a success. A similar meeting has been started in *Cambridge*."

"Three reports make mention of *temperance* work. At *East Somerville* meetings are held, occasionally, and in Chelsea, once a quarter. The *Pilgrim* Church, *Cambridgeport*, has a 'Total Abstinence Society,' with a pledge and monthly meetings."

"In the last named church, the *Church Singing School* has proved, for another year, a valuable aid to the congregational singing. The best teacher to be found is hired; the school is free and open for four months. The same church now holds its Sunday School concert in the *afternoon*, which proves a most satisfactory change. The pastor is thus sure of finding an excellent audience for a sermon to children; the school is visibly identified with the church; and, best of all, the evening is open for a meeting of prayer for the school."

"For several weeks during the fall a familiar lecture was given, on Friday evenings, upon the *Church Creed*. But one of the pleasantest occasions of the year was a *Church Anniversary*, with addresses, a poem, and a supper. It was a family meeting and the flame on the hearth burned high that stormy night."

REVIVALS. "Several of the churches have enjoyed revivals and received large additions. In *Chelsea*, the first agency blessed was union meetings. In other cases there were no special measures or efforts. Both of the churches in *Chelsea*, both of the *Somerville* churches, the *North Avenue* and the *Chapel* churches in *Cambridge*, have shared in this refreshing. The aggregate additions to them for the year are nearly two hundred and fifty. The *Franklin-street Church* is again quickened, and a gentle work among the young people is reported from the *Winthrop Church*, Charlestown."

"The hope of our churches is in revivals. It appears to be true that, whenever so many as ten are received into a church during one year, this is almost invariably the result, not of a gathering of one or two at a time throughout the year, but of some season of special awakening. Churches which do not receive this awakening, often lose more by death than they gain by conversions."

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE.

The statistical returns from this Conference are among the best received. Some of the reports of work fail, we fear, to do justice to the facts; and yet, on the whole, the record is tolerably full.

FAMILIES. Returns from eleven churches give an average of about one hundred and eighty-five families, equivalent to an average of about eight hundred and fifty souls. This seems too small. It is probable that the number of families which ought to be "registered as under the care of these churches" is larger.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. The church in *Norwood* reports seven hopeful conversions in its school; and the *Eliot Church, Boston Highlands*, the same number. From every quarter come notes of an increased attendance and interest. The improvement is unmistakable.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS. From *Cottage Street, Dorchester*, we learn that both men and women take part in its weekly prayer-meetings. The experiment of a Bible-service in the afternoon, at *Jamaica Plain*, has been given up, after a year's trial, a large minority not being satisfied with it; but the Sabbath School still occupies that part of the day, the second sermon coming in the evening. Four churches, *Phillips*, *Jamaica Plain*, *Neponset*, and *Cottage Street*, make use of responsive readings of Scripture. Several churches are accustomed to have praise-meetings. Upon the whole, while there is an endeavor after a wholesome variety in religious services and a willingness to adopt improvements, there appears no tendency to rash or radical changes.

CHURCH WORK. The church in *Dedham* maintains a Branch Sunday School of about seventy scholars, Germans. The young people of this church also have a "Mutual Aid Society" for the promotion of good morals. The *Norwood* church assists in sustaining meetings at "*North Sharon*" and "*East Walpole*," and other outlying neighborhoods, which are quite regularly supplied with preaching. In this way a considerable number of people are reached who do not regularly go to church. The "canvassers" of the Christian Association visited this place and did some good. The preaching service at "*Boylston Chapel*," under charge of the *Jamaica Plain* church, has been given up. A Sunday School, numbering two hundred, is still held there, and a Sunday evening prayer-meeting, sustained by a Band of Helpers. A German population is working into this vicinity. The site is also too near the parent church. Probably services could have been sustained if the chapel had been put in a suitable place on the other side of the railroad. The church in *Neponset* unites with other churches in sustaining services at North Quincy. (The Congregational outpost maintained for several years at West Quincy was appropriated, it will be remembered, two or three years ago, by a Methodist minister.) Another church reports the neglecting classes around it as large, and "never to be brought in, without that personal solicitation which so few Christians are ready to use." The *Holland Church, Boston Highlands*, finds means through its "prayer-meeting collections" to render aid to the poor working people,

although able to pay its pastor only a very limited salary, its total expenses being reported at $599.47. Its Sunday School flourishes; a Teachers' Meeting has been started, and four "Working Committees" have continued their labors through the year. This church is only two years old. It is certainly making a good beginning.

TEMPERANCE. The "Norwood Temperance Alliance" (embracing Congregationalists and Universalists) meets every month, secures a good attendance, and exerts a wholesome influence. There is no dram-shop in the town. From the *Phillips Church* we hear that the temperance pledge is a permanent institution in the Sunday School. In addition, special efforts have been carried on by Christian women, and a large number of meetings have been held with good results.

The *E Street Church*, also in South Boston, uses unfermented wine at its communions, and in general takes a hearty interest in the temperance cause. A "woman's movement" has received earnest support, and has accomplished great good, visiting saloons, circulating pledges, and toning up public sentiment. The temperance *vote* of the ward has largely increased. A Sabbath School Temperance Union embraces eleven schools in this part of the city, and in June there is to be a children's "*Temperance Day*," with processions, banners, music, and speeches. The *Highland Church, Boston*, has secured from its congregation and school over two hundred names to the pledge, and "some almost hopeless cases have been reclaimed."

REVIVALS. Sixteen churches report an aggregate of two hundred and twenty-five additions, upon confession of faith. A revival is reported in progress, at the making up of the Report, in the *Phillips* and the *E Street Churches*. In *Neponset*, there has been an awakening by which "the resident membership was increased nearly fifty per cent."

In *Hyde Park*, the work of grace mentioned in last year's report continued three months,—quiet, promoted by no unusual measures, an illustration of the power of prayer. In May, thirty-nine were received, and twenty-three have been admitted since. Of these, more than twenty were business men, most of them heads of families. The youngest was twelve, the oldest seventy years of age; a large proportion have been members of the Sabbath School. The additions to this church for the year were one hundred and one. This church has dedicated a new chapel, and now is in need of additional sittings in its meeting-house. An interesting revival began in the *Highland Church*, during the Week of Prayer, the good effect of which still continues.

SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE.

The reports from the churches of this Conference, heretofore quite full, are so incomplete that it is impossible to do justice to their work for the past year.

FAMILIES. Eight churches report the number of families under their care, as follows: Newton, First (Centre), 120; Newton, Second (West), 150; Newton, Eliot, 200; Newton, Auburndale, 111; Newton, North, 69; Newton Highlands, 107; Waltham, 217; Watertown, 100, — an average of 134, or about 600 souls. Are these all?

SERVICES. A few variations have been made in the ancient order of Sabbath services. *Newton Centre* reports the substitution of the Sunday School for the afternoon service, as an experiment for six months, thus far with an increased attendance. *Auburndale* has the Sunday School in the afternoon, preaching morning and evening with the exception of two evenings, which are given up to the Monthly Concert and the Sabbath School Concert; and *Waltham* has entered upon a six months' experiment, as follows: In the afternoon the Sunday School assembles in the chapel; and in the church, at the same hour, the pastor goes over the lesson with such members of the congregation as choose to meet him there. Three quarters of an hour are thus spent; and then the Sunday School passes into the church, when the pastor, occupying the pulpit, leads the congregation in a service of ordinarily a little over half an hour. The exercises comprise prayer and singing, responsive readings, and a brief practical address. About an hour and twenty minutes are taken up with these two services.

Praise-meetings are held in *West Newton* on the evening of the last Sabbath of the month; and the weekly prayer-meeting has been varied by occasional Bible-reading, with increasing interest.

MONEY RAISING. Two churches make mention of new plans for raising money. At *Auburndale*, the expenses are met by monthly contributions. Those who choose make a subscription at the beginning of the year and pay quarterly. This plan has been followed for two years, and is liked better than the old way of renting the pews and making up the deficiency at the end of the year. The *pews are free*, and yet, for the most part, families occupy their old places. At *Newton Highlands*, also, the *seats are free*, and the expenses are met by contributions. The "envelope system" is used.

CHURCH WORK. From *Brighton*, we hear that "a real enthusiasm is manifested by the young people for their prayer-meeting. The parish is divided into five 'districts,' each under the oversight of one person, who reports to the pastor all new-comers and cases of sickness and of poverty; a committee of welcome greets strangers appearing at church, and a canvass of the parish is in progress which will leave no family without an invitation to church and Sunday School. A large number of both old and young are ready to engage in any work that may be laid before them."

A Christian lady has bequeathed a sum of money to the church in *Watertown*, for the purchase of a library for the use of the pastor and teachers.

It may be said of the churches, generally, that they seem to be full of love and good works. Young people's meetings, ladies' meetings, teachers' meetings, maternal meetings, mission circles, and church sociables, and whatsoever else gives obvious promise of usefulness, abound. There is a commendable readiness to adopt what is new and to hold fast what has been proved to be good.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST. From *West Newton*, we hear of some religious interest in the Sunday School and a few hopeful conversions, four of its members having recently united with the church. From the Sunday School at *Auburndale*, again, eleven have made public confession of their faith. During the first months of the present year God was pleased to bless the *North Church, Newton*, in the conversion of many souls. Twenty-four have already joined the church, and others will probably do so before long. The general interest continues.

TAUNTON CONFERENCE.

The reports from the churches of this Conference are not complete. Those received furnish, however, a very fair idea of its general religious condition.

FAMILIES. Fourteen churches report 1294 families registered as under their care,—an average of only 92. Some of them have but 50, 40, 36, 30; and the largest 209. Are any families overlooked? Are those connected with Branch Sunday Schools or outposts reckoned as "under the care of the churches"?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS appear to be in excellent condition. In *Attleborough* (1st Ch.) a branch school has been started, and is prosperous. In *East Taunton* the school has increased in numbers, and is attended (as all are not) by the young men, who also take part in public exercises with no little earnestness. The pastor of the *Union Church, Taunton*, has established a *Normal Class* as a remedy for a scarcity of teachers; the concerts are very successful; a sermon to the children is preached every month, and some twenty hopeful conversions have taken place in the school. In *Raynham*, also, the school is greatly increased in numbers and efficiency. In *Taunton* the schools are full and vigorous.

CHURCH WORK—REVIVALS. The *Scotland Church* (Bridgewater), which numbers only thirty families, reports the addition of *twenty-one* persons on confession; the attendance and interest of its Sunday School have improved, its library has been enlarged, congregational singing has been adopted, the meeting-house repaired, frescoed, and refurnished; considerable activity is shown in the cause of temperance, and the general condition of the church is very prosperous. In *Fall River*, the *First and Central* Churches have vigorously kept up their outside work. The former has organized, from the congregation

of its chapel, the *Third Church*, now supplied with a pastor who meets with growing encouragement. A former pastor of the *North Middleborough Church* (Rev. Mr. Bliss), having returned to labor there, has met with immediate success. Not less than seventy-five persons have consecrated themselves, it is believed, to a Christian life; thirty have already united with the church, among whom are fourteen heads of families, and as many more are looked for. "Experience meetings" have been held with profit. The church in *West Taunton* (which counts but fifty families) holds meetings in out-districts, frequently very well attended. The *Winslow Church* (Taunton) reports some special interest; "household baptism honored;" a "Children's Sabbath," with a sermon for the young; adding that, on a Sabbath in the summer, about fifty children, who had been baptized by the present pastor, "ranged themselves in front of the pulpit to receive certificates of their baptism." In *Attleborough, First Church*, a new church edifice is nearly complete; the congregations have doubled, and the interest of the prayer-meetings has been much increased by a pre-announcement of the topics, with a distribution of questions written on slips of paper, to several persons who are expected to have something to say. In *Rehoboth*, twenty-four have joined the church on confession of faith, and both congregation and Sunday School are in a flourishing condition. *The Winslow Church, Taunton*, appears to be in a truly healthful state, every way. The *Union Church* reports that neglecters are "systematically sought out"; the distribution of *enlistment cards* for systematic church work has proved very successful; "weekly offerings" are taken for the payment of the debt; steady efforts are maintained for the promotion of temperance, and with some real success.

Upon the whole, the reports from this Conference are unusually cheering, and manifest a decided growth in energy and constancy of Christian labor.

Woburn Conference.

The committee of this Conference furnish the following narrative.

Revivals. "While the religious prosperity of the churches generally has been steady and assured under the regular ministrations of the gospel, a few of them have been blessed in a marked degree. Especially is this true of the church in *Winchester*, where a gracious outpouring of the Spirit resulted in gathering fifty into the church. The effect of this quickening was felt throughout the year, in increased warmth and activity in all forms of moral and Christian work."

"In the adjoining town of *Woburn*, there was at the same time a gentle awakening, in which more than thirty were hopefully converted. These, in due time, were admitted to the church."

"The interest extended also to *North Woburn*, and as a result ten were added to the church. If the report were not to be reserved for

another year, a cheering story could be told of the great and blessed work of renovation and ingathering recently experienced in the towns of *Wakefield and Wilmington.*"

"In other communities, though there has been no special religious awakening, there has been a perceptible gain in evangelical sentiment and power. This is specially notable in the old church of *Billerica;* and the new church of *Lexington*, which, having recently become self-supporting, is steadily increasing in strength and efficiency."

CHURCHES. "The two churches of *Burlington* and *North Woburn* have been brought under the ministrations of one pastor. These churches are both beneficiaries of the Home Missionary Society. By contenting themselves with one sermon a Sabbath, they save a considerable sum to the missionary cause. Under the ministrations of an able and worthy pastor, recently secured, they are in a happy and prosperous condition. The church in *West Medford* has during the year also become fully manned by the installation of a pastor. This important and rapidly growing community is fortunate in the presence of a young and vigorous church."

NEW ENTERPRISES. "A new church was formed in June, in the village of *Maplewood*, which, it is believed, is greatly needed in that thriving community. Another enterprise of promise is the mission at *Edgeworth*, a suburb of Malden and chiefly under the care of the Malden Church. Considerable religious work has also been expended at *Greenwood* and at *Melrose Highlands*, particularly under the fostering care of Wakefield and Melrose."

HOME WORK. "While a growing attention is given to this matter by both pastors and people, it must be confessed that but little efficient and systematic work is done. Some of the pastors are doing what they can to awaken and encourage their churches to activity. The necessity for such labor is becoming more and more evident. Something of it has been done in *Winchester*. The church in *Woburn* are learning how to help the pastor and the cause. A neighborhood prayer-meeting is held by the brethren, and some, all about the parish, are on the look-out for new comers. Religious visitation has been practiced in *Wakefield* and *Wilmington*. Still, the number of the neglected in all the parishes is great."

WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

"This Conference does not keep any records of the work of the churches or their membership"; and the two days' sessions, of twenty-five years ago, "having given place to sessions of a single day," "it hardly seems worth while to attempt a report" upon the meagre statements thus afforded.

GENERAL CONDITION. The churches, however, have enjoyed a good measure of general prosperity, and a majority have received

additions to their membership. No unusual means have been resorted to, but the regular instrumentalities have not been used in vain.

OUT-DISTRICTS. Outlying districts have been cared for by the churches or the *Young Men's Christian Associations*. An agent of the American Sunday School Union surveyed the region last year, without finding, it is believed, an occasion for any new organizations. In most of the localities where, otherwise, some local organization might be started, there are too many families already connected with worshipping congregations. If these families were really faithful, the number of neglecters would be vastly reduced.

SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE. In some portions, at least, of the region covered by the Conference the regular attendance is believed to be smaller than a year or two ago. Churches are introducing changes in the Sabbath service. The changes are, in some cases, experimental, and "all uncertainty *works neglect.*" "About one third of the churches have only one preaching service." The sentiment in favor of this arrangement is believed to be gaining ground. "More and more attention is given to the Sabbath School. This surely ought to be, but not to the neglect of ministrations of the pulpit."

FREE SEATS. "The recent session of the Conference developed an increasing conviction, from the experience of several churches, in opposition to the 'Free Seat System.'"

CHURCH BUILDING. The new meeting-house of the *Plymouth* Church has been dedicated. That of the *Piedmont* Church is also well advanced. The old sanctuary in *Holden* has been tastefully remodelled.

The Rev. *William P. Paine*, D. D., after forty years of a laborious, happy, and successful ministry, has, at his own urgent request, been released from further responsibility, but, in compliance with the wishes of his people, retains his pastoral relation.

WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST. Quiet seasons of religious interest have been enjoyed by several churches: at *Westminster*, resulting in some thirty hopeful conversions; at *Ashburnham, First*, in twenty or twenty-five; and at *Baldwinville*, in fifteen or twenty. Similar blessings were experienced, in a less marked degree, in *Athol*, *Templeton*, and *Royalston*.

OUT-STATIONS. The church in *Ashburnham* reports a preaching station at *South Ashburnham*. That in *Hubbardston* sustains three branch Sabbath Schools — at *Williamsville*, *South Hubbardston*, and at a post in the direction of Gardner. These all are hopeful enterprises; and frequent preaching services are added to those of the schools. *Winchendon* aids in two Union schools, at *Waterville* and *Bullardville*, both in good condition. Regular preaching is supplied at the former

place, and occasional at the latter. *Athol*, likewise, has a branch school; and *Phillipston* and *Royalston* furnish occasional preaching to out-districts.

"The little manufacturing hamlets," observe the committee, "lying at the distance of two or three miles from the churches, can be reached only by obeying the Master: '*Go*, preach the Gospel.' The women and children cannot walk so far to church; and the men and boys will not, if the wives and the sisters stay at home."

THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Four or five meetings, of two days each, were held within the bounds of the Conference by the Young Men's Christian Association; also three or four Sunday School Institutes, by the County Committee on Sabbath School work, — all with happy results.

WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE.

From this conference we have received the following brief memorandum: —

"Most of the churches have simply held their own. In one (*Westborough*) cases of interest and hopeful conversion have been somewhat frequent. In *Whitinsville*, there was a slight development of religious feeling, and several hopeful conversions. Several churches report a growing interest in Bible study; and some have adopted the plan of one sermon on the Sabbath, with a seeming improvement. No report was made of organized church work."

"The Young Men's Christian Associations in the larger towns keep up reading rooms, and sustain district prayer-meetings and Sunday Schools."

REVIEW.

Nineteen of the Conferences make mention of

REVIVALS. Some of these were of great power; all appear to have been healthful, and apparently free from drawbacks and reaction. A number began with the Week of Prayer; others were closely connected with the Sunday School. Their general tone, the character of the methods, and the attendant circumstances, suggest an improved spiritual vitality on the part of the churches. Almost uniformly these seasons of increased interest have been the fruit of the church's regular work.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. From all quarters of the State, there is but one voice in regard to the *Sunday Schools*. The Uniform Lessons, with the new helps and incitements now afforded, have greatly stimulated study and zeal. There is evident, also, a correction of the tendency to separate the school from the church and the minister. We see no signs of jealousy, but on all hands of hearty love and union.

A sub-committee of this committee, consisting of Rev. *Mason Noble* and Rev. *Lewis Gregory*, have embodied in a report some

interesting facts respecting the *Relation of Conferences to Sunday Schools.* They find, that of the twenty-three Conferences from which they have heard, fourteen report themselves as, in effect, having nothing to do with Sunday School work; by the rules of two Conferences, Sunday School Superintendents are *ex-officio* members of the Conference; six Conferences regularly give up one session to a discussion of Sunday School topics or to a children's meeting; one has a "Sunday School Society," meeting in connection with its services; one turns over such work to a "Sunday School Institute," which meets twice a year, but is not very well attended; two have "Standing Committees upon Sunday School Work," empowered to call conventions. One of the Conferences which makes superintendents members, has succeeded for two years in having a grand "Conference Picnic" in the fall, embracing all the schools, and gathering together full 5,000 children.

In view of the importance of this subject (the relation of Conferences to the Sunday School work), we recommend that the report of the sub-committee just mentioned be referred to a special committee, to report to the General Association during its present sessions.*

SERVICES. An important effect of the increased interest in the study of the Bible appears in a frequent modification of the *regular Sabbath services.* In many cases, the Sunday School takes the place of the afternoon sermon—or, the school, with a modified service appended, the whole being known as *the Bible Service.* Although churches have given up this arrangement, after making trial of it, the tendency is in its favor. May we be pardoned for suggesting, that this tendency reminds us of a danger as well as an opportunity. In the first place, it testifies to a certain weakness of the pulpit and its services, implying that they cannot hold the people on Sunday afternoons. Secondly, it is worthy of consideration, whether the call for this change has not some connection with a willingness on the part of many to give up the Sabbath afternoon to physical and social relaxation. Thirdly, it is to be remembered that changes in established religious habits are always more or less dangerous; they are apt to loosen religious bonds and to diminish the power of sacred things.

But now, on the other hand, if we do not mistake, the ministry have here a glorious opportunity to regain more than their former power for good with the people, greatly increasing their personal effectiveness, and associating with themselves a body of the most intelligent, interested, active co-workers that the Christian Church has known in any age, and these all working especially upon those classes in the community who are most open to good influences. So, on the whole, while we seem called upon to keep a watchful eye upon the dangers referred to, we may well greet with enthusiasm these new opportunities, and redouble our zeal and our hope.

* See Minutes, pp. 8, 11.

ORGANIZED WORK. Another indication of a most encouraging kind is seen in the steady advance of the churches in *systems of organized work*. An examination of the reports from the Kirk Street Church, Lowell, and from churches in Hinsdale, Pittsfield, Monterey, Foxborough, and Brighton, and from the Hampden Conference, will suffice to show what is here meant; but the movement is far more general and effective than the fragmentary narratives furnished us declare. It is interesting to observe the various ways in which a Christian inventiveness applies the general principle. The principle, we believe, has at last so far got possession of the mind of the churches that it is permanently established as a working power, and will hereafter continue to promote a healthful piety and a wise, energetic, organized, and constant activity.

OUT-DISTRICTS. And in one direction there is a special demand for such activity. We refer to the out-districts. In a good many cases, the efforts put forth in these localities belong to an *unsatisfactory grade* of Christian work, lacking in determination and point, and in that effective quality that is born of faith. Not seldom they are feeble. What can be done? We ask in reply,—

1. Cannot the churches, met in their Conferences, institute a particular inquiry once a year into the condition of every out-district within their bounds, and so help one another?

2. Are not these districts often "destitutions" in the Home Missionary sense; and may not the Home Missionary Society exert itself to interest churches in a more effective kind of labor?

3. Ought not Congregational Churches over all the land to be training a class of LAY-HELPERS, both men and women, fitted for this and for various other kinds of work?

Finally: Is there not need, in some of these places, of a *preliminary organization* of the sort recommended by the General Association under the title of *Christian Neighbors*? (See Minutes of 1873, pp. 10–12.)

We believe it to be possible, in these and other ways, to secure a much more effective average work in the communities referred to.

INTEMPERANCE. With the "out-districts," the *out-classes* force themselves upon our attention. But among these, there are none more lamentably outside of all best influences than are the supporters of intemperance, whether drinkers or sellers.

It seems to your committee, that the time has come when *the churches* should take hold of this matter in a systematic way, and all together. From the very commencement of the temperance movement they have been active in it. The reports of the present year from the Andover, Brookfield, Franklin, Hampshire East, Mendon, Pilgrim, Suffolk North and Suffolk South Conferences, show that the cause is not forgotten. Ministers have been preaching upon it, lectures have been delivered, Sunday Schools are instructed, and their scholars in considerable numbers have taken the pledge, "mass-meetings" have

been held and "praise-meetings," churches have united in "Temperance Unions," Ladies' Societies have been formed, and a "Temperance Day" has been kept, with interesting and instructive observances; but how many of the churches have engaged in these measures it is impossible to say. Does it not seem that the *prevention of intemperance and the alleviation of its evils* is a part of the proper work of the churches,—a work in which all the churches should at all times be engaged, and in which also they should be united? It certainly appears so to your committee. And we feel, moreover, that experience has amply proved, that there is no short cut to success; that no law can be framed, no band of "reformed" men be organized, nor any "woman's movement" be devised, that can put an end to this gigantic crime and misery. The churches must recognize the war as their own, and must organize themselves for it on a permanent basis; they must take it for granted that the struggle is to last for generations, and perhaps till the very coming of the Lord; they must make their arrangements for a permanent work of particular instruction, of persuasion, of repression, and of charity and mercy. Children need to be taught and impressed; our youth should be early pledged against the use of intoxicating drinks; the people should be kept informed and roused; the influence of personal and public opinion must be brought to bear directly upon rum-sellers; individuals who are beginning to give way to their appetites should be affectionately warned and helped; those who are trying to reform ought to be encouraged and upheld; the families that are suffering the dreadful consequences of intemperance should be ministered unto. So a great work will be done; and a moral foundation will be laid, in conscientious convictions of the public, for the support of any just and wise law.

We recommend, therefore, the appointment of a committee to draft a plan and lay it before this Association, at its present meeting, upon which the churches can unite in the permanent prosecution of this work.*

Other topics of grave importance are crowded upon our attention by the reports of the year, but the Association has not time now to give them the consideration which is their due. No one can thoughtfully survey the work of the churches, even through the medium of a narrative so imperfect as this which we are able to give, without being filled with a sense of sacredness and preciousness and dignity. It is the very work of the Lord. It is the most intimate, the most profound, the most enduring, it is the most benign and the most noble, of all operations known in time. Whosoever is permitted to bear any part in it, although, in outward seeming, small as that widow's who cast in "two mites," he may well, whatever troubles he have, find his days "full of sweet content."

By vote of the committee.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Sec'y.*

* See Minutes, pp. 8, 11.

CONDENSED TABLES OF CHARITIES AND EXPENSES.

THE *larger tables*, from which the following have been condensed, give in detail all the items included in the circular issued to the churches. Under the head of *Home Missions* is here included gifts to the American Home Missionary Society, the American Missionary Association, the Freedmen (otherwise than through the A. M. A.), boxes sent to missionaries, local missions, and other gifts:

Under the head of *Church Building*, the American Congregational Union and other gifts:

Under *Foreign Missions*, the general work of the American Board, its Work in Papal Lands, its Woman's Board, boxes, and other gifts.

The Seamen, the American Seamen's Friend Society:

Christian Education, the American Education and College Society, and other gifts:

Christian Publication, the Congregational Publishing Society, the Bible Society, the Tract Society, and other gifts:

Finally, there is a column for *miscellaneous* charities.

The larger tables cannot conveniently be published in these Minutes, but they are laid before the Conferences, and furnish to them, it is believed, the most complete, clear, and instructive exhibit of charities and expenses, laid before any religious bodies in the country. The value of the tables here published is greatly diminished by their incompleteness; but we seem now to have grounds of hope that next year's returns will be much more full, as well as more accurate. At present there are but few of the Conferences that have acquired the habit of making really careful returns. No published tables have done justice to the charity of the churches.

It will be observed that the sum given by the churches reporting to the various *Home Missionary* departments ($119,812.93) is larger than the amount contributed to the American Board ($102,165.33). It should be remembered, also, that the larger share of the gifts to the *Education* and *Publication* causes are really home charities.

It is likewise worthy of note that the *Parish Expenditures*, distinct from salaries, come up well (in the case of these churches) towards the amount for *Salaries*, the former being $316,978.47, and the latter $371,040.50. The *average salary* paid by the 241 churches reporting is nearly $1,500.

Many of the churches that return their charities have failed to give their salaries and expenses. In some cases this is known to be accidental, in a few cases it is due to an unwillingness to make this return, but in most it is accounted for by the mere fact of usage.

A little reflection must convince any one, it would seem, that a knowledge of the salaries paid to ministers will help to intelligent decisions on this important matter, and make the force of a Christian public opinion effective for the correction of evils. D. P. N.

ANDOVER CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Andover, South,	$1,356 26	$136 00	$1,153 16	152 22			$426 23	$3,223 87	$1,800 00	$1,250 00	3,050 00	$6,273 87
" West,	655 41		632 08	60 00	$503 70		190 66	2,041 85	1,400 00	680 00	2,080 00	4,121 85
" Free Christian,	241 94	16 00	250 00	50 00	117 58		200 00	875 52	1,800 00	781 93	2,581 93	3,457 45
" Un. Ballard Vale,	35 00	4 00	57 15	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 50	123 65	500 00	70 00	570 00	693 65
" Theo. Seminary,	760 19		809 25		95 00	87 50		1,751 94				1,751 94
Chelmsford, Nor. Second,	61 85		26 75					88 60	1,200 00	90 00	1,290 00	1,378 60
Dracut, First,	8 55							8 55	536 00		536 00	544 55
" Centre,									650 00	15 00	665 00	665 00
Lawrence, Lawrence Street,	1,403 70		704 02		102 71		285 07	2,495 50	2,400 00	1,600 00	4,000 00	6,495 50
" Central,	303 01		167 17					470 18	2,500 00	2,318 43	4,818 43	5,288 61
" Elliot,	460 25		92 00				61 13	613 38	2,500 00	2,000 00	4,500 00	5,113 38
" South,	114 70	15 32	60 00		6 00		8 00	204 02	1,500 00	309 00	1,809 00	2,013 02
Lowell, Pawtucket,	77 00		37 00	8 28		15 00		137 28	1,500 00	134 00	1,634 00	1,771 28
" First,	331 53	119 00	316 00	52 38	54 54		299 89	1,173 34	3,000 00	2,826 00	5,826 00	6,999 34
" Elliot,	154 32	18,686 90	89 08			3 50	160 85	19,094 65	2,000 00	1,975 89	3,975 89	23,070 54
" John Street,	138 32		72 64	68 58	150 00	42 36	19 22	491 12	2,500 00	2,352 00	4,852 00	5,343 12
" Kirk Street,	2,599 51	1,025 00	1,028 00	178 10	536 00	98 00	683 00	6,147 61	3,000 00	4,100 00	7,100 00	13,247 61
" High Street,	119 39		335 73	105 84				560 96	2,500 00	4,185 44	6,685 44	7,246 40
Methuen,	258 56	229 32	229 91		9 33		67 81	794 93	1,405 00	2,259 76	3,664 76	4,459 69
North Andover,	309 00	50 00	160 00	25 00	135 00	117 40	56 00	852 40	1,700 00	1,625 00	3,325 09	4,177 40
Tewksbury,	129 11	15 00	191 34	40 00		135 60	19 01	530 06	1,200 00	681 78	1,881 78	2,411 84
Tyngsborough,	16 50	5 05	16 50					38 05	1,000 00	160 00	1,160 00	1,198 05
	$9,534 10	$20,301 59	$6,427 78	$745 40	$1,714 86	$504 36	$2,489 37	$41,717 46	$26,591 00	$29,414 23	$56,005 23	$107,722 69

BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Churches.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Barnstable, Centreville,	$12 63		$29 67			$29 37		$71 67	$600 00	$320 00	$920 00	$991 67
Chatham, 1st,									800 00	847 60	1,647 60	1,647 60
Dennis, South,							$164 00	164 00	900 00	150 00	1,050 00	1,214 00
Falmouth, 1st,	365 25		362 00	$15 00	$22 00	29 00	81 00	874 25	1,200 00	2,667 00	3,867 00	4,741 25
" East,	176 00	$20 00	200 00		20 00		10 00	426 00	700 00	370 00	1,070 00	1,496 00
" North,			62 00				16 40	78 40				78 40
" Waquoit,	15 00						3 00	18 00	167 50	55 00	222 50	240 50
Harwich,	13							13 00				13 00
Orleans,	80 00		85 00				77 10	242 10	1,000 00	150 00	1,150 00	1,392 10
Provincetown,							75 00	75 00	1,200 00	350 00	1,550 00	1,625 00
Wellfleet, 1st,	203 50		36 00		100 00		185 00	524 50	1,650 00	1,300 00	2,950 00	3,474 50
Yarmouth, 1st,	216 45		212 04	67 45		27 20	32 63	555 77	1,200 00	1,675 00	2,875 00	3,430 77
" West,									600 00	50 00	650 00	650 00
Thirteen churches out of twenty-one.	$1,081 83	$20 00	$936 71	$82 45	$142 00	$85 57	$644 13	$3,042 69	$10,017 50	$7,934 60	$17,952 10	$20,994 79

BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Adams, North,	$526 20	$113 11	$221 22	$25 00		$339 33	$374 07	$1,603 93	*$3,000 00	$2,576 22	$5,576 22	$7,180 15
" South,	20 00		40 00		$25 00		150 00	235 00	1,700 00	1,400 00	3,100 00	3,335 00
Hinsdale,	550 00		492 25	93 15		143 80	65 48	1,344 68	*1,200 00	450 00	1,650 00	2,994 68
Lanesborough,									800 00	60 00	860 00	860 00
Middlefield,	72 60		201 00			84 24	50 00	407 84	*1,100 00	187 57	1,287 57	1,695 41
Peru,	28 65		31 00			25 00	77 89	162 54	*600 00	150 00	750 00	912 54
Pittsfield, 1st,	1,596 53	1,573 00	892 10	90 00		299 26	3,495 44	7,946 33	*3,000 00	5,575 00	8,575 00	16,521 33
" 2d,							9 00	9 00	650 00	681 80	1,331 80	1,340 80
" South,	181 67		149 99	32 58		104 65	885 87	1,354 76	2,500 00	1,835 32	4,335 32	5,690 08
Richmond,	60 00						18 00	78 00	520 00	100 00	620 00	698 00
Williamstown, 1st,	138 15		509 92				83 55	724 62	*1,800 00	300 00	2,100 00	2,824 62
" 2d,						15 00		15 00	350 00		350 00	365 00
Windsor,			10 00					10 00	125 00	50 00	175 00	185 00
Thirteen churches out of seventeen.	$3,166 80	$1,686 11	$2,552 48	$240 73	$25 00	$1,011 28	$5,209 30	$13,891 70	$17,345 00	$13,365 91	$30,710 91	$44,602 61

* And Parsonage.

BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Egremont, South,	$100 76	$29 50	$91 53	$26 25	$15 00	$23 00	$169 00	$455 04	$1,150 00	$1,300 00	$2,450 00	$2,905 04
Great Barrington,												
Housatonic,	122 00	21 50	59 50		19 00	30 58	91 00	343 58	1,000 00	365 00	1,365 00	1,708 58
Lee,	1,200 00	80 00	970 00		100 00	120 00		2,530 00	1,800 00	2,400 00	4,200 00	6,730 00
Lenox,	25 00		31 35	25 73		65 00		147 17	1,500 00	1,050 00	2,550 00	2,697 17
Monterey,	42 00		27 75			10 65	57 57	137 97	*572 00	74 60	646 60	784 57
New Marlborough,												
" " Mill River,	33 50		24 00			5 95		63 45	1,000 00	661 00	1,661 00	1,724 45
Sheffield,	92 42	19 00	67 91	32 75	25 00	113 25	32 67	373 00	1,350 00	250 00	1,600 00	1,973 00
Stockbridge, 1st,	455 35		258 14	75 00		80 00	165 50	1,030 99	†1,377 00	2,263 00	3,640 00	4,670 99
Eight churches out of twenty.	$2,131 03	$161 00	$1,527 18	$159 73	$159 00	$448 52	$515 74	$5,102 20	$9,749 00	$8,363 60	$18,112 60	$23,193 80

* Regular salary of Pastor, $700.
† " " " $1,500.

BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Barre,	$543 45	$20 00	$255 55	$42 40		$9 00	$12 65	$883 05				
Brookfield,	412 00		199 10				38 00	649 10				
Charlton,	66 41		72 75					139 16				
Dudley,	55 00		50 00				10 00	115 00				
Gilbertville,	37 09		22 16	20 00	$7 61			86 86				
Holland,			10 00					10 00				
New Braintree,	51 00		104 25				15 00	170 25				
North Brookfield, 1st,	534 23	30 00	564 91	12 31			138 85	1,280 35				
Oakham,	35 92		141 04	30 50			217 78	425 24				
Southbridge,	184 25	20 00	592 79		37 70	13 40	22 00	870 14				
Spencer,	253 73	125 00	286 15	31 26	40 00	101 50	345 90	1,283 54				
Sturbridge,	144 82	6 07	137 50				32 17	320 56				
Ware, 1st,	74 55		89 45	6 60			110 25	280 25				
" East,	1,226 05		2,132 11			157 20	536 94	4,051 30				
Warren,	244 26	31 15	179 08	49 40			44 72	548 69				
" West,	20 00		20 00				20 00	80 00				
Sixteen churches out of twenty.	$3,891 99	$256 22	$4,983 32	$191 26	$85 31	$281 10	$1,544 26	$11,173 50				

ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Build'g.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Boxford, 1st,	$105 84		$97 20	$11 50		$45 09	$241 65	$501 28	*$1,200 00	$150 00	$1,350 00	$1,851 20
Danvers, Maple Street,	340 00	$26 00	120 00		$33 30	34 00	85 00	638 30	1,800 00	2,586 00	4,386 00	5,024 30
Essex,	115 29		75 00	42 66		20 00	25 00	277 95	†1,800 00	458 25	1,958 25	2,236 20
Gloucester, Evans,	368 32		§1,259 00	92 25	106 66	106 46	429 70	2,264 69	2,000 00	900 00	2,900 00	5,164 89
Lynn, Chestnut St.,	63 00	20 00	26 50	13 70	26 50		126 30	286 00	1,600 00	935 00	2,535 00	2,821 00
" North,	180 00		28 00				9 00	227 00	2,000 00	1,150 00	3,150 00	3,377 00
Lynnfield,	34 09		28 47					62 56	*900 00	790 63	1,690 63	1,753 19
Marblehead, 3d,			30 00					30 60	1,200 00	800 00	2,000 00	2,030 00
Peabody, Rockville,			10 00				2 28	12 28	1,200 00	320 00	1,520 00	1,532 28
Swampscott,	7 66	6 57	95 03		37 40			146 66	1,040 00	400 00	1,440 00	1,586 66
Wenham,	86 87		50 00	20 00		25 00		181 87				181 87
Eleven churches out of thirty-three.	$1,301 57	$52 57	$1,889 20	$180 11	$205 86	$230 55	$918 93	$4,778 79	$14,440 00	$8,289 88	$22,829 88	$27,606 67

* Reckoning parsonage at $200. † And parsonage. § Including a legacy of $500.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Ashfield,	$74 95		$79 00					$153 95	$1,200 00	$200 00	$1,400 00	$1,553 95
Bernardston,	58 43		70 00	$2 50		$3 00		133 93	800 00	100 00	900 00	1,033 93
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	61 50		86 00	20 00	$6 00	6 68	$35 00	215 18	800 00	100 00	900 00	1,115 18
" East,	70 75		78 00		7 50	13 75		170 00	800 00	45 00	845 00	1,015 00
Coleraine,	25 00	$5 00	25 00				5 00	60 00	800 00	75 00	875 00	935 00
Conway,	257 55		409 53			69 65		736 73	1,200 00	400 00	1,600 00	2,336 73
Deerfield, South,	234 75		191 04	27 10	71 25	114 39		638 53	1,500 00	500 00	2,000 00	2,638 53
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	17 00		26 00					43 00	600 00	150 00	750 00	793 00
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	18 00		2 50					20 50	700 00	35 00	735 00	755 50
Greenfield, 1st ch.,	82 50	5 70	15 00	9 20	6 00	27 75		146 15	1,000 00	100 00	1,100 00	1,246 15
Hawley, East, 1st ch.,	9 00		12 65		2 00		5 00	28 65	260 00	55 00	315 00	343 65
" West,	30 00							30 00	400 00		400 00	430 00
Montague, 1st ch.,	264 84		274 97	7 25		40 85	175 00	762 91	1,200 00	300 00	1,500 00	2,262 91
" Miller's Falls,	9 90		13 43					23 33	1,000 00	205 00	1,205 00	1,228 33
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	53 62		118 07					171 69	700 00	300 00	1,000 00	1,171 69
Orange, Central ch.,	38 07		33 22	5 20	11 80	11 65		99 94	1,500 00	1,500 00	3,000 00	3,099 94
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	313 29		175 78	15 70	24 52	11 45	15 41	556 15	1,200 00	200 00	1,400 00	1,956 15
" Falls,	132 00	18 00	93 00		59 00	26 00		328 00	1,200 00	600 00	1,800 00	2,128 00
Sunderland,	358 47	39 45	182 27	30 74		163 65		774 58	1,200 00	500 00	1,730 00	2,504 58
Warwick,	23 75		18 00			6 00		47 75	500 00	30 00	530 00	577 75
Wendell,	6 25						1 75	8 00	500 00	60 00	560 00	568 00
Twenty-one churches out of twenty-seven.	$2,139 62	$68 15	$1,903 46	$188 07	$117 69	$494 82	$237 16	$5,148 97	$19,060 00	$5,485 00	$24,545 00	$29,693 97

HAMPDEN CONFERENCE.—CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Build'g.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.*		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Agawam,	$32 00		$137 54	$11 00		$10 00	$16 00	$206 54				
Blandford,	41 75		44 00					85 75				
Chester,	28 00		62 70					90 70				
Chicopee, First,	69 57		99 49	13 82				182 88				
" Second,	302 23		286 74	50 00	$29 07	12 50	42 14	742 68				
" Third,	106 75	$20 63	358 40	31 06		140 38		657 22				
East Granville,	67 00						15 00	82 00				
Feeding Hills,	18 85		9 76			13 26		41 87				
Holyoke, First,			50 00					50 00				
" Second,	441 78	136 19	716 78	25 00	25 00	55 60	125 00	1,525 35				
Longmeadow,	216 95		284 99	51 78	23 35	68 46	17 69	663 17				
" East,	67 00	7 50	306 00	10 00				390 50				
Ludlow,	96 00		109 75	22 00			23 00	250 75				
Mittineague,	31 05		35 38	20 00				86 43				
Monson,	406 00	31 29	366 57	30 00	26 34	21 11	31 10	912 41				
Palmer, Second,	155 72	25 00	145 23	10 85	5 00	53 20	5 00	400 00				
South Hadley Falls,	245 25	58 00	181 25	58 00	58 00	122 00	64 00	786 50				
Southwick,	19 00		21 25					40 25				
Springfield, First,	1,349 01	69 60	864 61	93 12		77 69	31 68	2,485 71				
" North,	113 02	21 36	90 50		29 78	41 86		296 52				
" Olivet,	621 90	54 40	523 01	29 31	52 31	45 48	114 00	1,440 41				
" South,	653 32		622 07	51 46		22 22		1,387 59				
Thorndike,	38 75		60 00					98 75				
Westfield, First,	183 30		700 40	25 89	25 90	77 17		1,012 66				
" Second,	644 16		267 86	103 16		62 26	200 00	1,277 44				
West Springfield, First,	21 00		30 70	18 75		31 00	10 50	111 95				
" " Park Street,	104 80	19 50	104 71	20 06			149 26	398 33				
Wilbraham,	30 00	7 00	75 05	19 75		63 00		194 80				
" South,	5 00		53 75			15 00		73 75				
Legacies, etc.,	1,114 50		1,130 00	100 00			213 50	2,558 00				
	$7,223 56	$450 47	$7,738 49	$ 795 01	$313 27	$1,165 64	$844 37	$18,530 91				
Remitted direct to Parent Societies,	15,774 78		13,814 75		424 22	1,138 00		31,151 75				
Twenty-nine churches out of thirty-six.	$22,998 44	$450 47	$21,553 24	$795 01	$737 49	$2,303 64	*$844 37	$49,682 66				

* The Miscellaneous, in this case, include only contributions to the "*Ministerial Aid*" Fund.

HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Build'g.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Amherst, 1st,	$165 17	$17 44	$277 95	$24 93	$10 00	$30 73	$332 52	$858 74				
" 2d,	19 15		22 07	8 00	10 00		6 52	65 74				
" College,	260 25		361 31	34 25	100 50	20 75	307 05	1,084 11				
" North,	78 00		117 00	37 00	16 00	110 00	45 00	403 00				
" South,	52 00		21 00			15 00	82 00	170 00				
Belchertown,	163 00		126 00	55 55		50 00	221 67	616 22				
Enfield,	873 36	42 39	408 18	62 39	42 39	16 96	167 03	1,620 70				
Granby,	359 15		93 55			37 94	585 84	1,076 48				
Greenwich,	107 50		114 35	7 30		8 23		237 38				
Hadley, 1st,	139 40	9 28	153 81	52 00		23 70	55 10	433 29				
" 2d,	40 50		31 00			23 00	35 00	129 50				
" Russell,	140 25		201 90		90 00	12 35	109 20	553 70				
Leverett,	21 76							21 76				
Packardville,	7 25					4 75	3 05	15 05				
Prescott,	35 00		19 45				18 17	72 62				
South Hadley,	219 00		154 00			32 50	366 10	771 60				
South Hadley Falls,	38 03		80 50	30 55		42 40	247 58	439 06				
Whately,	20 71		94 62	25 50	6 00	49 89	11 00	207 72				
Eighteen churches out of nineteen.	$2,739 48	$69 11	$2,276 69	$337 47	$274 89	$478 20	$2,582 83	$8,758 67				

MENDON CONFERENCE.—CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Foxborough,	$496 13	$50 00	$314 21	$71 88	$37 09	$54 10		$1,023 41	$1,800 00	$587 00	$2,387 00	$3,410 41
Franklin,	249 97	12 43	183 57	22 64	15 65	32 46	$400 00	916 72	1,600 00	1,712 00	3,312 00	4,228 72
" South,	20 00							20 00	475 00	50 00	525 00	545 00
Mansfield,	40 03	9 25	39 07	11 53	7 48	34 91	23 68	165 95	1,500 00	500 00	2,000 00	2,165 95
Medfield,	122 01		140 68	21 20	5 00		10 60	298 89	800 00	143 15	943 15	1,242 04
Medway, 1st ch., East,	221 70	8 30	70 18	24 50	18 50	55 28	32 53	430 99	1,500 00	1,461 60	2,961 60	3 392 59
" 2d ch., West,	323 00		229 00	75 49		27 00		654 49	600 00 1,500 00	6,450 00	8,550 00	9,204 49
" Village,	462 00		237 50	17 70		33 10	286 45	1,036 75	2,000 00	425 00	2,425 00	3,461 75
Milford,	950 08			19 36	22 00	26 00	250 00	1,267 44	3,500 00	2,432 63	5,932 63	7,200 07
Norfolk,	10 50							10 50	550 00	15 00	565 00	575 50
Walpole,	365 58	21 49	195 00		44 89	67 64	18 68	713 28	1,395 00	400 00	1,796 00	2,508 28
Wrentham,	600 00		740 00	46 00		58 50	100 00	1,544 50				1,544 50
	$3,861 00	$101 47	$2,149 21	$310 30	$150 61	$388 99	$1,121 34	$8,082 92	$17,220 00	$14,176 38	$31,396 38	$39,479 30

MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Ashland,	$83 32		$76 48			$23 00	$36 07	$218 87	$2,000 00	$662 00	$2,662 00	$2,880 87
Concord,								325 00	2,000 00	5,500 00	7,500 00	7,825 00
Framingham,	845 89		735 13	$7 40	$101 20		103 00	1,792 62	2,000 00	2,500 00	4,500 00	6,292 62
Framingham, South,	82 70		51 00					133 70	1,500 00	866 30	2,366 30	2,500 00
Holliston,	512 80	$152 53	450 92	43 35	32 00	52 37		1,243 79	2,400 00	1,150 00	3,550 00	4,793 79
Hopkinton,								2,294 00	2,000 00	1,300 00	3,300 00	5,594 00
Lincoln,	175 00		553 35					728 35	?	?	?	728 35
Marlborough,	370 00	50 00	219 71		79 90		80 00	799 61	2,300 00	650 00	2,950 00	3,749 61
Maynard,	20 00		20 00				22 00	62 00	1,200 00	525 00	1,725 00	1,787 00
Natick,	829 52	100 00	518 00				292 00	1,739 52	2,500 00	2,800 00	5,300 00	7,039 52
Natick, So.,	46 59	4 71	84 05				3 00	138 35	825 00	107 00	932 00	1,070 35
Northborough,	332 06		55 09				93 36	480 42	1,000 00	250 00	1,250 00	1,730 42
Saxonville,	202 90		69 63			14 50	48 36	335 39	1,200 00	50 00	1,250 00	1,585 39
Sherborn,	214 50		42 06		33 69	20 00	45 00	355 25	1,000 00	400 00	1,400 00	1,755 25
Southborough,	37 81		148 25		17 25			203 31	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,203 31
Southville,									700 00		700 00	700 00
Sudbury,								250 00	1,200 00	300 00	1,500 00	1,750 00
Wayland,	20 18		35 07					55 25	1,000 00	620 00	1 620 00	1,675 25
Wellesley,	225 63		354 42		26 89	42 75	296 40	946 09	*1,200 00	1,086 13	2,286 00	*3,232 22
Nineteen churches out of twenty.	$3,998 90	$307 06	$3,413 07	$50 75	$290 93	$152 62	$1,019 19	$12,101 52	$27,025 00	$18,766 43	$45,791 43	$57,892 95

* And Parsonage.

MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other	Total.	
Acton,	$114 65	$10 00	$29 50	$13 00	$15 00	$41 25	$167 00	$390 40	$1,150 00	$200 00	$1,350 00	$1,740 40
Ashby,	125 31	5 00	87 55	48 50	9 30	10 85	138 45	424 96	1,300 00	250 00	1,550 00	1,974 96
Ayer,	20 00		10 00					30 00	553 00	296 00	*849 00	879 00
Boxborough,	29 00	5 28	7 79	15 00	4 66	5 00	55 00	121 73	600 00	250 00	850 00	971 73
Dunstable,	82 21	2 50	72 90	50 00	3 50	59 32	10 25	280 68	750 00	350 00	1.100 00	1,380 68
Fitchburg, Calvinistic,	1,443 34	19 00	646 45	179 00	55 50	165 40	149 80	2,658 49	3,000 00	2,750 00	5,750 00	8,408 49
" Rollstone,	340 00		105 40	18 50	1,050 00	58 50	107 00	1,679 40	2,500 00	2,760 00	5,260 00	6,939 40
Groton,	186 73		200 00	34 32		71 30	260 22	752 57				752 57
Harvard,	120 50		44 00	26 25	9 25	16 50		216 50	1,100 00	150 00	1,250 00	1,466 50
Lancaster,	303 64		144 26		15 00	25 55	24 54	512 99	1,200 00	410 00	1,610 00	2,122 99
Leominster,	261 07	52 50	298 71	27 25	25 35	69 55	317 05	1,051 48				1,051 48
" North,								150 00	1,250 00	250 00	1,500 00	1,650 00
Littleton,	159 45	9 00	353 00	8 00	12 25	20 75	66 35	628 80				628 80
Lunenburg,	37 75		13 96	11 00	8 50	4 75	43 00	118 96	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,118 96
Pepperell,	142 50	9 00	19 25	12 65	18 00	29 05	64 75	295 20	1,600 00		1,600 00	1,895 20
Shirley Village,	10 63		35 90	6 47		8 00	80 00	141 00	850 00	250 00	1,100 00	1,241 00
Townsend,	576 55	48 30	167 55	10 60	11 47	18 70	274 31	1,107 48	1,400 00	300 00	1,700 00	2,807 48
Westford,	33 00	1 50	62 17		4 75	9 00	401 00	511 42	1,200 00	250 00	1,450 00	1,961 42
	$3,986 33	$162 08	$2,298 39	$460 54	$1,242 53	$613 47	$2,158 72	$11,072 06	$19,453 00	$8,466 00	$27,919 00	$38,991 06

* The church in Ayer has been without a pastor, and got a supply at a low price. The last regular salary was $1,200.00.

NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Abington, North ch.,			$7 27					$7 27	$910 00	$256 00	$1,166 00	$1,173 27
Braintree, First ch.,	$556 05		376 25			$72 00	$440 06	1,444 36	1,600 00	1,120 00	2,720 00	4,164 36
" South ch.,	47 00		96 87	$8 00		8 00		159 87	1,000 00	840 71	1,840 71	2,000 58
Bridgewater, Central Sq.,	142 00		255 11	33 23			181 00	635 34	2,000 00	804 00	2,804 00	3,439 34
" South (Campello),	252 51		306 30		$24 00	42 85	65 57	667 23	1,500 00		1,500 00	2,167 23
Brockton, Porter Ev. ch.,	115 68		353 32			20 00	51 00	540 00	2,500 00	6,100 00	8,600 00	9,140 00
Canton, Evan. Cong. ch.,		$35 68	76 46					112 14	1,200 00	150 00	1,350 00	1,462 14
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	344 77		135 43	19 53		33 10	100 00	632 83	1,200 00	1,000 14	2,200 14	2,832 97
" Beechwood ch.,	6 31	4 56	8 00					18 87	600 00	30 00	630 00	648 87
Hingham, Evan. Cong.,	36 51		27 47			5 25		74 02	1,000 00	350 00	1,350 00	1,424 02
Holbrook, Winthrop,	808 42		626 68	20 00	4 79	345 07	222 20	2,022 35	1,256 00	684 00	1,940 00	3,962 35
Milton, First ch.,	138 04		105 00				42 25	285 29	1,000 00	200 00	1,200 00	1,485 29
Quincy, Evan. Cong.,	380 00		1,240 00			37 23	16 00	1,673 23	2,500 00	1,114 00	3,614 00	5,287 23
Randolph, 1st ch.,	666 00		958 00			81 00	195 00	2,185 00	1,500 00	1,000 00	2,500 00	4,685 00
Rockland, 1st ch.,	715 35	152 10	296 30	137 75	285 00			1,301 50	1,600 00	1,500 00	3,100 00	4,401 50
Sharon, 1st ch.,	40 00		66 17	8 00		20 00	35 00	169 17	1,200 00	355 54	1,555 54	1,724 71
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	31 00		52 50				132 14	227 14	1,325 00	350 00	1,675 00	1,902 14
Weymouth, 1st,	168 29		221 72	30 59	11 50	38 62	19 58	478 80	1,700 00	678 24	2,378 24	2,857 04
" 2d, South,	690 00	90 00	300 00	30 00		40 00	25 00	1,205 00	1,400 00	1,847 58	3,247 58	4,452 58
" Union (South),	56 92		88 25		30 00	25 00	8 00	289 17	1,800 00	800 00	2,600 00	2,889 17
" Pilgrim (North),	235 20		63 00		111 00	32 41		330 61	1,400 00	1,881 91	3,281 91	3,612 52
" East,	181 00		40 00			50 00	420 00	691 00	1,500 00	810 00	2,310 00	3,001 00
" Lovell's Corner,	30 00	35 00	10 00	2 00			20 00	97 00	1,000 00	140 00	1,140 00	1,237 00
Weymouth and Braintree Union ch.,	188 00		103 00			75 00		366 00	1,343 00	6,321 02	7,664 02	8,030 02
Twenty-four churches out of thirty.	$5,829 05	$317 34	$5,813 08	$289 10	$466 29	$925 53	$1,972 80	$15,613 19	$34,034 00	$28,333 14	$62,367 14	$77,980 33

PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Carver, North,	$30 00							$30 00	$850 00	$1,248 00	$2,098 00	$2,128 00
Duxbury, Pilgrim,						$10 00	$50 00	60 00	1,200 00	557 00	1,757 00	1,817 00
Halifax,			$17 00					17 00	800 00	140 00	940 00	957 00
Hanover, 1st,	9 71		6 00	$11 25	$2 56	7 41		36 93	650 00	75 00	725 00	761 93
" 2d (Corners),			34 00					34 00	600 00	100 00	700 00	734 00
Hanson,	50 00		10 00					60 00	700 00	100 00	800 00	860 00
Kingston,				12 50			95 00	107 50	600 00	314 00	914 00	1,021 50
Marshfield, 1st,	191 27		130 74			36 31	81 62	439 94	700 00	490 40	1,190 40	1,630 34
" East, 2d,	34 51							34 51	750 00	614 00	1,364 00	1,398 51
Plymouth, South, 2d,	25 63		22 67			21 57	35 00	104 87	600 00	13 10	613 10	717 97
" ch. of Pilgrim'ge,	238 03	$26 00	311 32	54 43	56 50	22 29	131 46	840 03	1,800 00	898 46	2,698 46	3,538 49
" Chiltonville, 4th,	26 40		18 85					45 25	1,000 00	20 00	1,020 00	1,065 25
" " 5th,									565 00	147 00	712 00	712 00
Plympton,	10 00		8 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	12 00	38 00	800 00	154 00	954 00	992 00
Scituate, North,	22 00		22 00			6 00		50 00	800 00	80 00	880 00	930 00
	$637 55	$26 00	$575 58	$83 18	$62 06	$108 58	$405 08	$1,898 03	$12,415 00	$4,950 96	$17,365 96	$19,263 99

SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Build'g.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Arlington,	$1,416 28		$746 71		$260 71	$86 02		$2,509 72				$2,509 72
Cambridge, 1st,								2,500 00	$4,000 00	$9,000 00	$13,000 00	15,500 00
Cambridgep't, Prospect St.,	1,684 67	$93 80	1,170 41			25 46	$897 71	3,872 05	4,000 00	4,100 00	8,100 00	11,972 05
Cambridge, No. Avenue,	277 34	55 00	397 88	$20 00		50 00		800 22	3,500 00	5,800 00	9,300 00	10,100 22
" East,			127 50					127 50	660 00	700 00	1,360 00	1,487 50
" Pilgrim,	755 99	21 00	299 02		308 75		429 00	1,813 76	3,000 00	5,610 16	8,610 16	10,423 92
" Chapel,	162 50		45 00					207 50	1,850 00	500 00	2,350 00	2,557 50
Charlestown, 1st,	170 00		158 50					328 50	4,000 00	1,400 00	5,400 00	5,728 50
" Winthrop,	1,312 19	206 57	1,415 69	85 87	124 39	95 27	1,643 76	4,883 74	4,000 00	3,300 00	7,300 00	12,183 74
Chelsea, Winnisimmet,	1,968 11	253 47	1,173 67	116 47	122 48	116 48	1,612 46	5,363 14	3,000 00	3,406 82	6,406 82	11,769 96
" Central,	360 12		295 22	49 70		20 00	124 03	849 07	3,500 00	5,000 00	8,500 00	9,349 07
Revere,								35 51	600 00	184 40	784 40	819 91
Somerville, Franklin St.	747 79	39 50	503 26	104 00			1,326 00	2,720 55	3,000 00	3,569 50	6,569 50	9,290 05
" Broadway,	378 00		228 40	26 00		30 60	126 75	789 75	2,200 00		2,200 50	2,989 75
Fourteen churches out of twenty-two.	$9,232 99	$669 34	$6,561 26	$402 04	$816 33	$423 83	$6,159 71	$26,801 01	$37,310 00	$42,570 88	$79,880 88	$106,681 89

SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Boston, Union ch.,	$3,441 00	$13 00	$3,512 74	$111 00	$9 00	$149 00	$6,940 00	$14,175 74	$7,000 00	$4,200 00	$11,200 00	$25,375 74
" South, E St.,	290 36		136 00					432 36	2,200 00	1,820 98	4,020 98	4,453 34
" " Phillips,	3,137 53	60 00	2,482 10	75 00	233 50	110 50		6,098 63	3,000 00	6,449 45	9,449 45	15,548 08
Dedham, 1st ch.,	521 17		486 27			235 35		1,252 79	1,448 50	1,266 89	2,715 39	3,968 18
Dorch'ter, Cott'ge st.,	214 89		191 61				57 47	465 97	1,500 00	823 32	2,323 32	2,789 29
" 2d ch.,	2,053 00	177 00	2,563 00	259 00		30 00	574 00	5,656 00	3,000 00	2,700 00	5,700 00	11,356 00
" Village ch.,	219 07		146 40		30 00	163 31	131 82	690 60	1,680 00	814 75	2,414 75	3,105 35
Hyde Park,	227 75	65 06	230 88	12 55		22 46	150 00	708 70	2,000 00	5,357 00	7,357 00	8,065 70
Jamaica Pl., Central,	1,026 00		775 00	76 00			249 22	2,126 22	3,500 00	6,231 77	9,731 77	11,857 99
Neponset, Trinitar'n,	83 45	17 37	32 65				42 12	175 59	1,500 00	629 00	2,129 00	2,304 59
Norwood,	110 35	23 53	108 00			26 01	110 00	377 89	2,000 00	1,392 50	3 392 50	3,770 39
Roxbury, Eliot,	1,022 33	96 13	1,051 14		429 74	53 31	185 38	2,838 03	4,000 00	2,986 17	6,986 17	9,824 20
" Highland,	704 46	76 68	808 72	10 00	80 43		410 00	2,089 29	3,000 00	1,365 00	4,365 00	6,454 29
" Holland,	30 56		21 12				131 41	183 09	500 00	99 47	599 47	782 56
" Vine St.,	589 00		525 00		67 00		664 00	1,845 00	3,000 00	1,875 00	4,875 00	6,720 00
" Walnut Ave.,	1,592 23		1,051 94	100 00	300 74		183 51	3,228 42	4,500 00	4,244 06	8,744 06	11,972 48
" W., So. Evang.,	1,513 63	157 88	1,396 31	57 88	337 88	200 00	311 68	3,976 26	2,000 00	3,003 00	5,003 00	8,978 26
	$16,784 78	$686 65	$15,528 88	$701 43	$1,488 29	$989 04	$10,140 61	$46,320 58	$45,748 50	$15,258 36	$91,006 86	$137,327 44

SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Boston, Berkeley St.,			$728 63				$1,842 23	$2,570 86			$12,270 23	$14,841 09
" Shawmut,											14,500 00	
Brighton ch.,	$140 49		434 50			$23 21	126 37	724 57	$2,500 00	$8,435 85	10,935 85	11,660 42
Brookline, Harvard ch.,	2,483 82	$184 65	1,918 51	$133 71	$190 63		717 85	5,629 17				
Newton, 1st ch.,	904 00	230 00	1,215 00	22 00	108 00		223 00	2,792 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	5,000 00	7,792 00
" West, 2d ch.,	437 30		188 90		67 85		243 20	937 25	2,250 00	2,129 00	4,379 00	5,316 25
" Corner, Eliot ch.,	2,431 04	145 00	2,392 76		314 11	235 31	1,342 00	6,860 22	* 2,100 00	3,506 00	5,606 00	12,466 22
" Auburndale ch.,	1,668 06	12 00	1,880 50		300 00	50 00	324 83	4,235 39	† 2,000 00	3,721 79	5,721 79	9,957 18
" North Village Ev.,	117 00							117 00	1,100 00	433 00	1,533 00	1,650 00
" Highlands ch.,	229 70		144 75					374 45	1,800 00	738 52	2,538 52	2,912 97
Waltham, Trinita'n ch.,	591 67		389 18		34 13		110 18	1,125 16	† 1,800 00	2,960 00	4,760 00	5,885 16
Watertown, Phillips ch.,	332 72		127 63				120 71	581 06	2,000 00	2,066 73	4,066 73	4,647 79
Waverley ch.,									1,500 00	500 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Thirteen churches out of seventeen.	$9,425 80	$571 65	$9,420 36	$155 71	$1,014 72	$308 52	$5,050 37	$25,947 13	$19,550 00	$26,990 89	$46,540 89	$72,488 02

* Cost of supplying the pulpit.
† And house.

TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Build'g.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Attleborough, 1st,	$44 18	$12 13	$34 20	$10 08			$15 37	$115 96	$900 00	$100 00	$1,000 00	$1,115 96
Attleborough Falls, Central,		10 00	27 00					37 00	1,200 00	25 00	1,2 5 00	1,262 00
Bridgewater, Scotland,	10 00							10 00	600 00	350 00	950 00	960 00
Fall River, Central,	4,547 76	163 41	2,295 49	125 22	$5,169 10	$157 40	428 00	12,886 38	3,000 00	10,240 85	13,240 85	26,127 23
" " Third,							7 04	7 04		200 00	200 00	207 04
Freetown, Assonet,	10 81	7 30	25 00					43 11	1,000 00	250 00	1,250 00	1,293 11
Lakeville,	25 00							25 00	624 00	376 00	1,000 00	1,025 00
Middleborough, North,	171 10		70 00				38 10	279 20	1,100 00	557 00	1,657 00	1,936 20
Raynham,	129 37		60 00	16 25			5 00	210 62	1,000 00	80 00	1,080 00	1,290 62
Seekonk,	37 28		155 93		6 50	42 19	50 00	291 90	1,445 00	375 00	1,820 00	2,111 90
Somerset,	11 00						11 00	800 00	91 84	891 84	902 84	
Taunton, Union,	45 00						70 50	115 50	1,650 00	583 34	2,233 34	2,348 84
Twelve churches out of twenty-two.	$5,031 50	$192 84	$2,667 62	$151 55	$5,175 60	$199 59	$614 01	$14,032 71	$13,229 00	$13,319 03	$26,548 33	$40,580 74

WOBURN CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Bedford,	$84 46		$147 18					$231 64	$1,000 00	$700 00	$1,700 00	$1,931 64
Billerica,	119 00	$3 00	135 00					257 00	1,000 00	175 00	1,175 00	1,432 00
Burlington,	22 00		31 00		$7 00		$40 00	100 00	600 00	265 00	865 00	965 00
Lexington,	217 59	36 25	179 25			$5 00	275 00	713 09	1,200 00	600 00	1,800 00	2,513 09
Malden,	890 25		382 75		252 65		596 86	2,122 51	3,000 00	18,428 54	21,428 54	23,551 05
Medford,	291 75	73 41	305 75		58 37	88 53	294 48	1,112 29	1,833 00	1,000 00	2,833 00	3,945 29
Reading, North,	38 68		12 00	$20 00		20 00		90 68	1,050 00		1,050 00	1,140 68
" Old South,	183 30	4 25	160 00			10 00	38 90	396 45	1,800 00	1,100 00	2,900 00	3,296 45
Stoneham,	81 62		25 00	15 00				121 62	1,680 50	1,050 00	2,730 50	2,852 12
Wilmington,	38 04		113 07				25 00	176 11	990 00	350 00	1,340 00	1,516 11
Winchester,	1,600 45	176 65	2,698 00	125 50	365 30		1,074 71	6,040 61	3,000 00	2,800 00	5,800 00	11,840 61
Woburn, North,	20 00				16 00			36 00	600 00	157 00	757 00	793 00
"	2,089 27	65 00	972 00	102 00	83 00	124 00	742 69	4,177 96	3,000 00	2,500 00	5,500 00	9,677 96
Thirteen churches out of nineteen.	$5,676 41	$358 56	$5,161 00	$262 50	$782 32	$247 53	$3,087 64	$15,575 96	$20,753 50	$29,125 54	$49,879 04	$65,455 00

WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — CHARITIES AND EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Names of Churches.	Charities.							Total Charities.	Expenses.			Tot'l Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions	Church Building.	Foreign Missions	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Blackstone.	$70 00						$50 00	$120 00	$1,040 00	$360 00	$1,400 00	$1,520 00
Douglas, 1st,	30 00							30 00	*	51 85	370 85	400 85
" East,	104 75		$52 35	$37 50			105 90	390 50	1,300 00	610 75	1,910 75	2,301 25
Grafton, Evangelical,	256 51	$36 66	256 51	42 67	$39 39	$50 00	173 26	711 66	1,800 00	1,200 00	3,000 00	3,711 66
Milbury, 1st,	269 34		269 34	27 26	61 84	25 00		564 59	1,800 00	1,200 00	3,000 00	3,564 50
Northbridge, 1st,	20 00		80 00					100 50	700 00	184 00	884 00	984 50
Saundersville,	35 00		29 00		100 00		125 00	289 00	1,300 00	500 00	1,800 00	2,089 00
Sutton,	135 00		142 00		36 37	84 50		397 87	1,000 00	433 00	1,433 00	1,830 87
Uxbridge,	315 20		220 80	30 00				508 00	†1,200 00	400 00	1,600 00	2,108 00
Whitinsville,	4,066 75		2,904 92	443 00	1,000 00	778 75	642 00	9,835 42	†1,500 00	1,078 26	2,578 26	12,413 68
Ten churches out of fourteen.	$5,302 35	$36 66	$3,954 92	$580 43	$1,237 60	$938 25	$1,096 16	$12,947 54	$11,640 00	$6,017 86	$17,976 86	$30,924 40
Aggregates of all the chhs.,	$6,373 82	$611 66	$4,526 32	$769 43	$1,506 80	$1,414 40	$696 62	$15,899 05	$17,100 00	$12,067 64	$29,167 64	$45,066 69

* Supply of pulpit, $319.00. † And parsonage.

SUMMARY OF THE CHARITIES AND EXPENSES REPORTED (IN PART) FOR 1874.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	CHARITIES.							Total Charities.	EXPENSES.			Total Charities and Expenses.
	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.	Education.	Publication.	Miscellaneous.		Salary.	Other.	Total.	
Andover,	$9 534 10	*$20,301 59	$6,427 78	$745 40	$1,714 86	$504 36	$2,489 37	$41,717 46	$36,591 00	$29,414 23	$66,005 23	$107,722 69
Barnstable, 13 chs., out of 21,	1,081 83	20 00	986 71	82 45	142 00	85 57	644 13	3,042 69	10,017 50	7,934 60	17,952 10	20,994 79
Berkshire North, 13 " " 17,	3,166 80	1,686 11	2,552 48	240 73	25 00	1,011 28	5,209 30	13,891 70	17,345 00	13,365 91	30,710 91	44,602 61
Berkshire South, 8 " " 20,	2,131 03	161 00	1,527 18	159 74	159 00	448 52	515 74	5,102 20	9,749 00	8,363 60	18,112 60	23,214 80
Brookfield, 16 " " 20,	3,881 93	255 22	4,933 82	191 86	85 31	281 10	1,544 26	11,173 50				
Essex South, 11 " " 33,	1,301 57	52 57	1,889 20	180 11	205 86	230 55	918 93	4,778 79	14,440 00	8,389 88	22,829 88	27,608 67
Franklin, 21 " " 27,	2,139 62	68 15	1,903 46	188 07	117 69	494 82	237 16	5,148 97	19,060 00	5,485 00	24,545 00	29,693 97
Hampden, 29 " " 36,	2,739 48	69 11	2,276 69	337 47	274 89	478 20	2,582 83	8,758 67				
Hampshire East, 18 " " 19,	22,998 44	450 47	21,553 24	795 01	737 49	2,303 64	844 37	49,682 66				
Mendon,	3,861 00	101 47	2,149 21	310 30	150 61	388 99	1,121 34	8,082 92	17,220 00	14,176 38	31,396 38	39,479 30
Middlesex South, 19 " " 20,	3,998 90	307 06	3,413 07	50 75	200 03	152 62	1,019 19	†12,101 52	27,025 00	18,766 43	45,791 43	57,892 95
Middlesex Union,	3,986 33	162 08	2,298 39	460 54	1,242 53	613 47	2,158 72	§11,072 06	19,453 00	8,466 00	27,919 00	38,991 06
Norfolk, 24 " " 30,	5,829 05	317 34	5,813 08	289 10	466 29	925 53	1,972 80	15,613 19	34,034 00	28,333 14	62,367 14	77,980 33
Pilgrim,	637 55	26 00	575 58	83 18	62 06	102 58	405 08	1,898 03	12,415 00	4,950 96	17,365 96	19,263 99
Suffolk North, 14 " " 22,	9,232 99	669 34	6,561 26	402 04	816 33	423 83	6,159 71	‡26,801 01	37,310 00	42,570 88	79,880 88	106,681 89
Suffolk South,	16,784 78	686 66	15,528 88	701 43	1,488 29	989 94	10,140 61	46,320 58	45,748 50	45,258 36	91,006 86	137,327 44
Suffolk West, 13 " " 17,	9,425 80	571 65	9,420 36	155 71	1,014 72	308 52	5,050 37	25,947 13	19,550 00	26,990 89	46,540 89	72,488 02
Taunton, 12 " " 22,	5,031 50	192 84	2,667 62	151 55	5,175 60	199 59	614 01	14,032 71	13,229 60	13,319 03	26,548 03	40,580 74
Woburn, 13 " " 19,	5,676 41	358 56	5,161 00	262 50	782 32	247 53	3,087 64	15,575 96	20,753 50	29,125 54	49,879 04	65,455 00
Worcester South, 10 " " 14,	6,373 82	611 66	4,526 32	769 43	1,506 80	1,414 40	696 62	15,899 05	17,100 00	12,067 64	29,167 64	45,066 69
Twenty Conferences, in part—including 318 churches.	$119,812 93	$27,068 87	$102,165 33	$6,557 36	$16,458 58	$11,611 04	$47,412 18	$336,640 80	$371,040 50	$316,978 47	$688,018 97	$955,044 94

*A large sum appears to have been entered here which would more properly be counted among Parish expenses.
† Inclusive of $2,869.00, additional, distributed among various causes.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

THE subject given to us is gaining the attention of the churches, and from the alarming deficiencies in the receipts of our Benevolent Societies will demand more and more prayerful consideration. Your committee have not consulted together during the year, because at distances remote from each other, and because the work is chiefly, in the outset, one of survey and information. Attempts have been made through circulars to reach the churches, and in some instances the District Conferences, for the purpose of enlisting earnest Christians in practical and united efforts to arouse the people to their great duty in giving to the Lord.

A Tract on Proportionate Giving has been prepared by our efficient secretary, Rev. Joseph Boardman, and printed by the Congregational Publishing Society. This has been sent to the churches with a request for circulation, and the solicitation of opinions respecting it, together with an account of methods now in use by churches and individuals. Many responses have been received. Quite a number of churches practise the weekly offering, either by open collection or by the envelope system, gathered monthly. Most of the thirty-six laymen and ministers approve the principles laid down in the tract received. Quite a number dissent from them, as "mechanical, Levitical, and unchristian." They do not, however, propose any method beyond the impulses of an enlightened and sympathetic heart. These letters are from the best givers in the State, and three quarters of them have some definite system. Four or five keep as careful a bank account with the Lord as to their property and income, as they are regardful of His share of their time; others seem indifferent to this necessity. From this imperfect outlook we are painfully impressed with the great need of some definite action by ministers and churches to remedy the great neglect of stewardship now existing.

I. The members of our churches must be aroused to their personal obligations under covenant to God. The fact of consecration involved in every confession of Christ must be pressed home. The discussion of scriptural methods should occupy the churches in their meetings. The word "income" should be defined, so that no doubt or hesitation can exist in any mind. Many of our rich men defraud God and the Government by taking out an extravagant living and sundry other expenses, and calling the balance "income." The most of our members are not rich, or even with a competency, and of everything they receive a certain portion belongs to the Lord. "Trust in the Lord and do good" precedes the promise of a homestead and daily food.

II. The recognition of the Lord's treasury by the individual, apart from the calls made upon it, is very important. Defalcations in trust funds have arisen more frequently from carelessness in their management, of late, than from criminal intent. The mixture of accounts — the common treasury for the trust income and his own — have led to such confusion and waste as to bring a stain on the memory of men otherwise irreproachable. And so with the Lord's part in the believer's earnings or income; if it is not set aside to the Lord and carefully separated to Him, it will be more or less absorbed by the agent in his living or expenses. Separation of a definite part is the only way to secure the Lord and have His treasury in our trust, ready for those calls He sends to us. And for this, some system must be adopted by every individual.

III. The general principle may be stated without dictation. Any one can see that a distinct and separate treasury for the Lord will require that some stated portion of all that is received must be set aside for him. And when this habit is formed by every member of the church, — when every Christian is as scrupulous in regard to the Lord's portion as of his own, — then a great advance will be made in the support of the Lord's service. As things now are, there is a secular side in our religious support, which excludes God from the conscience and from the service. The method of support by taxation or purchase or voluntary bidding is ruinous and destructive of the spirit of benevolence. Men think they have a right to the ordinances of religion in their moral and spiritual protection because they pay for them; and when it comes to the relief of suffering, or the preaching of the Gospel to the destitute, or sending it by other means, then it is charity, and the one asking or needy is a beggar or a pauper. Hence, following the separate treasury of the Lord for the individual, and the systematic supply of that treasury, will lead naturally to the voluntary support of the Lord's kingdom at home and abroad.

IV. It is *one* kingdom, not *two*. The Christian spirit and the missionary spirit are identical. It will be a great gain to our churches — and a return to the genius of our polity as found in the charter we have in the Acts of the Apostles — when the trammels of the parish system are shaken off, the commercial methods abandoned, and the voluntary offerings of the people of God applied to support his ordinances and extend His kingdom of grace throughout the earth.

V. We cannot forbear calling the attention of the churches to the principle of the *tithe* as of Divine origin and equally applicable in every age, — a universal rule, as the *seventh* of time. It is often accounted as Jewish and Levitical; but Melchisedec was above Levi, and Abraham paid tithes, not as a Jew but as the father of the faithful. This principle, therefore, cannot be set aside as being part of the

ceremonial law. And if there must be a definite share in our estate, as in our time, which, as a rule, God claims for Himself, this will not interfere with the entire consecration of property any more than the seventh of time hinders the real use of the whole week for God.

VI. In addition to the definite proportion which belongs to the Lord, we press upon the attention of all loyal Christians the use of free-will offerings and thank-offerings; the occasion for these is constantly recurring in every life. The use of the tithe cannot obstruct the personal love to a personal and present God. Those who are systematic in their giving to the Lord will have the inclination and the means to increase their beneficence in this scriptural way. Impulses are very deceptive when they alone sway us; but when firm principle and regular appropriation are fulfilled, the impulses help to break the power of selfishness and enlist the affections more largely in the personal attachment to God and the corresponding expression of it in beneficent gifts.

VII. These suggestions will be incomplete unless we lift this service of giving to its scriptural position,—a means of grace, an act of worship, a regular part of every Sabbath service. The feeling lurks in many a Christian mind that the act of giving to the Lord should be secret, and is inappropriate in the sanctuary. But the injunction to bring an offering to the temple or the synagogue, in the ancient service, so full of rigid awe and formality, certainly cannot be out of place in the Christian assembly; and so the weekly offering, as a part of Divine worship in many of our churches, has been found a means of gracious enlargement, as well as indicating the true place for the application of the scriptural principles pertaining to Christian beneficence.

In view of the care and labor necessary to bring this subject into appropriate prominence before our churches, we recommend, first, the circulation among the members of our churches "Gold and the Gospel," a volume containing five essays on the scriptural duty of giving in proportion to means and income, and the reprint and circulation of Dr. Parsons Cooke's essays on Systematic Beneficence. Second, the preparation of some scheme for systematic weekly offerings for church support and for benevolence. Third, the appointment of Rev. John O. Means, D.D., Secretary of the Congregational Publishing Society, as committee for the ensuing year, to carry forward the above recommendations and gather additional information from the churches, to report at the next meeting of this body.

THE PRIMITIVE DIACONATE: SHOULD IT BE REVIVED IN OUR CHURCHES?

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IT is manifestly impossible to elaborate minutely every theory and fact connected with this broad theme. Many of the accepted and general doctrines in our own church polity must be stated with the authorities rather than proved by a rigid exegesis. Thus, *e. g.* we need spend no part of the hour in proving that there were deacons in the primitive church, inasmuch as every church represented here knows that such an appointment was a fact; and no more need we prove that the continuance of that office is regarded as a necessity to-day, since the existing facts assert our certain knowledge. The nature of the office, however, and who shall fulfil its functions, are questions calling for our notice. We therefore repeat the theme, *The Primitive Diaconate: should it be Revived in Our Churches?*

The ἐκκλησία, or church, like the individual, is a party responsible to Christ for the performance or non-performance of its duty. No church of Christ has passed beyond the inspection of Him whose weighty message to each of the seven churches of Asia Minor has been as the tolling of a bell upon a wreck, "I know thy works." The church, since it is the recognized body of Christ, and since to it have been given the keys of the kingdom, is to do, among men, what Christ did. We are not yet absolved from the injunction to pray for the sick. The church of the new dispensation, like that of the old, has a sacred trust in caring for the widows and the fatherless. It was not a temporary command of Christ to "distribute to the poor," for the poor were to be with his disciples always. The work of the church, like that of the Master, is to fulfil the promise that the poor have the gospel preached to them; to heal the broken-hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives; and to set at liberty them that are bound. In fine, the office work of the church is made known in what shall be the test at the last day: we are to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, show kindness to the stranger, visit the sick and those in prison.

Now, the primitive church did just such things as these, as we learn in the recorded history; and we assent to the same great necessity as being laid upon us; *i. e.* the work of the Christian church is, for substance, the same in every century; only premising that the conditions calling for the work may vary with the years. The primitive church instituted and supported missionaries, and we must do the

same; they supplied the wants of the needy at home, and we must do the same.

Two offices only in the Christian church were then created, if we may trust our own polity.*

If we assent to this classification, as we are compelled, we may term the two for convenience the superior and the inferior; or, as is narrated in the sixth chapter of the Acts, offices embracing, firstly, those who gave themselves *continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word;* and secondly, those who made it their special business to serve tables, or to care for those who were dependent upon charity. Thus, in his Epistle to the Philippians, Paul salutes the saints in Christ Jesus with the *bishops* and *deacons;* evidently the two orders of officers in the church.

This latter class, concerning which we speak, was and is the diaconate,—the word like our term "deacon" being derived from the Greek Διάκονος, denoting a servant or helper.

We leave all reference to the "overseers" of the church, or bishops, or presbyters, which exigetically designate the same office work, and take up the question of the inferior service,—the diaconate. The primitive church, of all public bodies, first recognized the special care of the sick, the suffering, the poor, and strangers, as devolving upon itself. We should naturally expect that those of its membership *who could do this work the most efficiently would be appointed;* for such is the scriptural idea and custom. Paul could sew the hard canvas for tents, in order to gain a livelihood, but some Dorcas would naturally work upon garments for the poor. Any elder could pray over the sick, but women have always been the best nurses. And we must recall the fact that the women of Greece, of Corinth, and other places, occupied substantially the present position of the Mohammedan women,—they were excluded from society. Who should help them if not the Christians of their own sex? The necessity of caring for the deserving would thus naturally fall upon those the best adapted for the work. The strong presumption is that *men and women* would be appointed to carry out the work of the church.

Now, leaving out for the present the question whether these deacons were young or old, male or female, we must notice the necessity and the wisdom of their appointment.

It is a fact that the seven mentioned in Acts vi are nowhere called "deacons," yet the office work of these men was of the same nature as that accomplished by those called deacons elsewhere. They were appointed to serve the tables of charity, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις, because some of the Grecian widows were neglected in the daily ministration ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ. The twelve declared to the disciples, "It is not reason

* See the admirable and exhaustive argument of Dr. Dexter, *Congregationalism*, pp. 68–136, inclusive.

that we should . . . serve tables." Others must do such work. Dean Alford says of this passage, "The universal consent of all Christian writers in regarding this as the institution of the office of deacons should not be overlooked." *

This appointment demands our notice for two reasons: firstly, it was a *necessity*, — a supplement to the work of the twelve. The apostles declared their own inability to do this special work. When we remember that, besides all outside missionary expenditures, the church at Rome supported and cared for 1,500 of the poor and sick daily, we can observe the necessity. Lecky, in his *History of European Morals*, tells us that the church in Antioch, in the year 250, supported 3,000 of the needy every day. These were, perhaps, exceptional instances, but they exhibit the fact made known by the apostles that *the establishment of the office was an outgrowth of pure necessity.*

Secondly, the founding of this office in the Christian church was a work of the Holy Ghost. These persons must be "full of the Holy Ghost."

Now, brethren, this office, made sacred by the Holy Ghost in the beginning of the day of his manifest glorious power, — made sacred because the church could not possibly do its work without it, — holds to-day, unless you can prove that the necessity for such service is laid aside, or that the Holy Ghost has signified any modification of the office in the methods of its administration. Unless we can see undoubted reasons for giving up the method then laid down under a special divine appointment, we must make the diaconate now what it was then.

The necessity for continuing the office is practically asserted in the fact that every church to-day has the office, though doubtless without its original methods.

We now take another step in the argument in order to discover who were appointed to the office. We have already observed that, from the peculiar mission of the church and because of the peculiar condition of society, it is altogether probable that men and women would be elected to such a service.

Who were appointed? Why, *men* of course. In all the eighteen centuries no one has ever disputed man's ability and right thus to serve. So far so good. It remains for us, having assented to the strong probability, to say that *woman* was not only eligible but also chosen to such an office.

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* Alford denies that this was the institution of the *ecclesiastical order* so named, but continues, "That the subsequent office of deacon was founded upon this appointment is very probable."

Prof. Hackett advances the same idea.

Bloomfield, in his "Critical Notes," claims that they were deacons. Alexander and Lange are also emphatically of this opinion. Authorities might be multiplied.

In Paul's Epistle to Timothy (third chapter) he defines the necessary qualifications for the two offices of the church,—the bishopric and the diaconate. The first seven verses declare what the bishop must be,—our translation "bishop" meaning literally "overseer." From the eighth through the thirteenth verses inclusive is the declaration concerning the qualifications for the office of deacon.

This is the common reading:—

8. Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.

11. Even so *must their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

12. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Dean Alford well asks these four questions concerning the word γυναῖκας, in the eleventh verse. (1) Are they women who were to serve as deacons? or (2) wives of the deacons? or (3) wives of the deacons and overseers? or (4) women in general? The last question he dismisses as unworthy our notice. The suggestion that they are the wives of the overseers and deacons he regards as extremely improbable, since no such suggestion could come in the connection. Against the second question, "Are they wives of deacons?" he places (*a*) the omission of all expressed reference to the deacons, such as our interpreters in the King James translation assumed, and which might be expressed by ἀυτῶν or τάς; (*b*) the expression of ὡσαύτως (8th v.), marking the reference to a new ecclesiastical class; (*c*) he continues the introduction of the injunction coming in the next verse, "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife," would not have been given if their wives had been mentioned before; (*d*) the fact to which we must assent, connected with the mention of Phœbe as deacon of the church in Cenchrea. Alford thus resumes: "I decide, then, that these women are deaconesses" or deacons. There was not a dissenting voice against such an interpretation for centuries.*

Pliny mentions two servants, "who were called deaconesses." Chrysostom writes to "my lady the deaconess." Besides the implied existence of female deacons by the Councils of Nicea, Laodicea, and Carthage, we have an express statement in the 15th Canon of the

* I perhaps might be pardoned for stating here that the best exegesis of the whole subject found in an extended research, is an article in the *Bib. Sacra.*, Jan. 1873, by Prof. G. Anderson, of Newton.

Council of Chalcédon: "The deaconess shall not be ordained before her fortieth year," etc.

Neander, in his History, declares the office to have been held by women beyond all doubt. Dr. Schaff says, "The existence of such deaconesses in the apostolic church is placed beyond a doubt by Rom. xvi : 1, where Paul commends to the kind interests of the Roman Christians . . . Phœbe, a deacon of the church which is at Cenchrea. In all probability Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis, who are praised for all their labor in the Lord, served the Roman church in the same capacity." *

Thus, from the exegesis of Scripture, the unanimous and concurrent testimonies of the early centuries, and the ripe scholarship of the present day, we must accept the fact that the diaconate was a divinely appointed office, and was filled by men and women.

We now advance another step in our line of thought, adducing other authorities, while, at the same time, we give the convictions of early Congregationalists, that in their judgment the office was *required* in their day.

Gov. Bradford testifies concerning a deaconess in the church at Amsterdam. Neal, in his *History of the Puritans*, thus speaks the conviction of a convocation of sixty Congregational clergymen assembled in London, "touching deacons of both sorts, viz. men and women, the church shall be admonished what is required by the apostle." Robert Browne, in 1582, speaks of the "deaconess as the widow." Letchford, in his *Plain Dealing, or Newes from New England*, thus speaks: "The deaconesses to shew mercy with cheerfulness, and to minister to the sick and poorer brethren." †

Davenport and Hooke (pastor and teacher of the church in New Haven), in their catechism, published in 1659, thus speak: "The deacon who is to administer the church's treasure with simplicity, unto whom is included the widow or deaconess, who is to attend the sick and impotent with compassion and cheerfulness." Cotton Mather asserts the same. Repeated references may be found in Bingham's *Antiquities*, as also in Coleman's *Antiquities*. The *Cambridge Platform* (ch. VII, § 7) recognizes this office of deaconess: "The Lord hath appointed ancient widows (where they may be had) to minister to the church in giving attendance to the sick, and to give succor unto them and others in like necessities."

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* *History of the Apostolic Church*, page 535. See also notes in Dr. Dexter's *Congregationalism*, pp. 68, 69.

† In a *Brief Narration of the Practices of the Churches in New England*, reprinted in the *Congregational Quarterly* of April, 1875, is the following: "To the deacon's office we would add deaconesses where such may be had, according to which should be widows of the church, faithful, approved, and full of good works, who may give themselves to works of mercy cheerfully, and to be serviceable also to those that are sick, when the deacons so conveniently cannot, and sometime so modestly may not send their help as that sex may."

Such testimony proves that our Pilgrim and Puritan fathers believed in the necessity of the primitive diaconate.

Now, brethren, we who take the ground that *men and women* should be elected to fulfil the duties of an *active* diaconate, are no innovators. We stand on the Cambridge Platform, with Cotton Mather and Gov. Bradford and Davenport,—fair exponents of the New England Puritan polity; we stand upon the testimony of the early Christian fathers; nay, we stand upon the records of the apostles and the primitive churches. It remains for those who have departed from the primitive and inspired order to prove such a course as theirs to be right. The burden of proof rests with you. Unless you can prove that there are no conditions of society leading to a necessity for such an office as the Holy Ghost created in the church, then you are compelled to restore it. And if you say that the office was purely temporary, then you cast discredit upon the framers of the Cambridge Platform and upon the opinions of the New England fathers which would illy become this old association of churches.*

But, brethren, no one will assert that this office, inspired and established by the Holy Ghost, was merely temporary, else why do we profess to keep it in our churches to-day? The existing fact is our confession of its solemn appointment; but why are two thirds of our entire church membership silent as regards any official action of the church? Because the institution of sisterhoods robbed the churches of this branch of work. So shall we refrain from restoring it to its primitive simplicity and beauty?

The work of the church in all ages is the same,—care for the poor, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner. Are we released from more active service?

It may be said that this Christian commonwealth and nation assumes a large share of this work, but no one will assert that it does even a tithe of what is required. Of course the Commonwealth must bear its heavy taxation of $1,000,000 annually because of crime, and yet this does not release us from visiting those in prison. It is practically true that every time the iron door shuts the prisoner in, it shuts him out from the world's sympathy. Shall it be said that the State relieves us? Why, friends! there is a new volume printed by the Massachusetts Legislature every year, the saddest of all sad books to read,—the *Report of the Board of State Charities.* Listen to such statements as these from the last Report, just issued: "Our State

* The reasons for the discontinuance of the office of deaconess are obvious. Coleman, in his *Christian Antiquities*, page 65, says: "As early as the fifth and sixth centuries the office of deaconess ceased in the western church. After this, many offices of charity, which they were wont to perform to the poor and the sick, were discharged by the sisters of the church."

Prof. Henry B. Smith, D. D., in his admirable *Chronological Tables*, substantiates the above statement.

hospitals are in a less satisfactory condition than they were ten years ago." Again: "It will be long, probably, before we shall see paupers constantly cared for even by second-rate nurses." Take the Report of 1867 (and the last year declares no improvement) of our State almshouse at Tewksbury. After a sad report concerning the 150 insane, the 200 sick, 200 children, and 200 of all others, these words are written: "It will hardly be desired by our people that the sick and helpless poor of the State should fare worse than the convicts in our prisons; but it will be seen by a reference to the Secretary's tables that such has been the case." Think of 153 children sent there and 130 of them dying before the close of the year, and of the fact that on the average, upon nearly every day in the year, a pauper's grave is dug for some one whom death has taken thence! No one here will say that the almshouses are doing our work. Save under most extraordinary conditions the poor should not be sent thither: it involves a complete breaking up of the family, which no Christian could recommend, as a general rule. The tenth Report of the Board speaks of the pride of families as revolting against the almshouse, and then states, "A few dollars for fuel, rent, or provisions would save them. They will starve rather than go to the poor-house."*

There is a wide distinction between pauperism and poverty.† There are a thousand poor people where there is one pauper. The State deals with the paupers: the churches or individuals must deal with the poor.‡ The churches of to-day with all our charitable institutions, are as surely required to care for the sick and the poor and the unfortunate as were the churches of Rome and of Antioch. The diaconate of to-day must mean something more than giving dignity to a church; more than distributing the elements from the Lord's table. Felt, in his admirable *Ecclesiastical History of New England*, has recorded that the Great and General Court of Connecticut exempted deacons from training, watching, and warding in civil affairs; but for some reason or other the laws of the present day are framed upon the principle that deacons can be drafted and spared like other men.

We need, as churches, to do what the church of Dr. Chalmers did in Glasgow. Dr. McFarlane, Chalmers' successor, wrote, "With an income from collections not much exceeding £300 we kept down the pauperism of a parish containing a population of 10,000; and I know from actual observation that the poor were in better condition and

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* These statements, which are samples of many more to be found in the several volumes of Reports, are sufficient to show the inefficiency of the work of the State, judged by its own servants. Far be it from us to depreciate the good accomplished; and yet its chief care is given to its criminals and paupers.

† See a work by Tuckerman, entitled *Elevation of the Poor*, issued by Roberts Bros., last year.

‡ The fullest record of our home charitable institutions is found in the Appendix to Secretary's Report, *Board of State Charities*, 1873; but even this is imperfect.

were more contented and happy than the poor in the other parishes of Glasgow." This church work reduced the expenses from $7,000 annually to $1,400. *Real Christian charity is a saving of money.* No! respected brethren, it is impossible to prove that the conditions of society release us from just such efforts as those of Dr. Chalmers and his church, which is a repetition of the primitive church efforts for good.

The conditions in our churches are these: Our deacons are usually business men, hard-working men, who will confess, every man of them here, that they are unable to do all which they know should be done; and they will confess that there is a work in every church which ladies must do, *e. g.* care for the sick, visiting strangers. Take our manufacturing places: it is woman's true province to call upon the operatives, where men could not go. Two thirds of our church members are women, the large part of whom have leisure. Why shall not these sisters assist in doing this special work?

I shall call you to notice woman's efforts in four directions; and from her marked success in each shall lay claim to the necessity of appointing her to similar efforts at home.

First, her work in foreign lands. The fact that more ladies than men go forth as missionaries is proof conclusive of their ability, and our estimation of it. There is many a life, as pure and noble as that of the sainted Fidelia Fisk or of the Mrs. Judsons, unwritten. The work in Mexico is led by the unassuming and gifted Miss Rankin. The Rev. Mr. Trowbridge, of Marash, has dictated to me this statement: "Our female workers are doing more to overthrow the Mohammedan religion than any other class of laborers in Turkey." Secondly, woman's work in the late Sanitary Commission and in our army hospitals is a fair exhibition of what she can do at home for the sick and the suffering. Thirdly, woman's work among the poor. Nearly all the city missionaries of Boston are ladies, and they are not appointed because of economy, but because they can do the best general work. This from their superintendent. Their work is really that of the diaconate. Fourthly. Woman as a Christian teacher. Recall her position as a teacher in all our Sabbath Schools. One asked Mr. Spurgeon, "Who is the most efficient man in your church?" He replied characteristically, "Mrs. Bartlett," and referred to her class of one thousand adults every Sunday. Prof. Washburn, of Constantinople, in a pamphlet entitled *Woman, Her Work in the Church*, says of the celebrated Institution at Kaisersworth, under Pastor Fleidner, where Florence Nightingale was trained for her wonderful work, "I know of no work done by the church in Germany which is winning more souls to Christ than this."*

* We point the reader to an able article by the Rev. Joseph Anderson, published in the *Congregational Quarterly*, Jan. 1874; subject, *The Office of Deaconess in Congregational Churches.* The many references there given to works in which this broad question is discussed will be of great service to the student.

These facts prove how really we commission women to work in every field outside our immediate parishes; and their great success there declares not only what they can do at home, but also at the same time the necessity of our commissioning them to do this work. But, some will say, women are perfectly willing to do the work for which they are not officially responsible, and will do it as well. But let us look upon this objection. Our churches have commissioned the Woman's Board of Missions just as truly as they have the American Board. Why did they not rest content in giving their assistance to the American Board without another commission? Surely not because the American Board ever refused to send ladies to mission fields. There are already five hundred and forty-four thoroughly organized woman's auxiliaries. The same great principle underlies woman's work at home.

Again, it is objected that woman would not take the title. Every auxiliary of the Woman's Board, and every Sewing Society, has titled officers. They who think more of the title than of the privilege in rendering service for Christ's church, make such an objection. They who love to do Christ's work care nothing for the title which every authorized servant of Christ must bear. The fact obtains just as truly now as in the earlier centuries: they who can do the required work the most efficiently must naturally be chosen to do it. While men must be chosen, let us not forget those women who labored with Paul in the gospel. Let us not forget that "amid all the clamor of tongues that yelled through the streets of Jerusalem against the blessed Redeemer, no woman's voice was heard. In every instance where a woman appears in the gospel it is to shelter and give a home to the houseless Son of man. They were the last to leave the cross and the first to proclaim the resurrection." They are ready to do their Lord's work among the sick and suffering and outcasts, even in highways and byways to-day.

It may be yet further objected that such a course as the one proposed is impracticable. It was not impracticable during the first four Christian centuries; it was not impracticable when the Reformation began. Besides, such a record as that of the First Church in Chelsea, Mass., the past year, refutes the objection, and this church is but one among several acting upon the old custom. The framers of the Cambridge Platform were not visionary men; the Puritans were not mere dreamers when they laid out the great work for the church to do and then ordained men and women to do it.*

Whenever it shall be impracticable to do the work which our Lord requires of the church, then, and not till then, shall we condemn the appointment of deacons suitable to such an office work. We have

* The Puritan Church formally ordained both male and female deacons. See Coleman's *Antiquities*, page 117.

not yet outgrown the common-sense, scriptural doctrine, that men and women can most efficiently labor in the parish as well as in outside work; besides, the church, being an organization, must do its work through those who are officially recognized and ordained by the church.

It will be objected that women may be appointed a committee to care for the sick and the poor, and such like work. This is the work of the diaconate. But it is said they need not be called "deacon" or "deaconess." And yet these churches have men in the diaconate to do their work. Now, if we choose persons to do the work of the office, but say we will withhold the title, we simply say that Paul should have been wiser than to call Phœbe a deacon; and no such church could ever consistently elect a man to the diaconate: and this would be un-Congregational.

Respected brethren and fathers, I have endeavored to present a clear and unprejudiced argument for your candid consideration. I have raised the very objections in other times which I have here endeavored briefly to refute. But logically I can arrive at no other conclusion than this: The diaconate being an office for all time in the Christian church, its office work is in substance the same to-day as in the first century, and requires, as then, the most efficient of its workers to be ordained to that office; remembering on our part that in Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female.

We are come upon a period which calls for great Christian activity. A word by way of remembrance is what we need.

You may pass from room to room in the Congregational House in Boston to learn what this Association of Churches has done and is doing for Christ's cause elsewhere. Our nation is large, these State Associations many; and yet of all the donations to the Missionary Association the churches of this old Commonwealth make up a fifth. From the Atlantic beach even to the far-off Golden Gate every church speaks of Home Missions; and yet of the $292,000 received last year from all the churches those of Massachusetts gave $126,000. Of the $141,000 expended in assisting young men, for the last six years, to enter the ministry, these same old churches gave more than $95,000. And, standing in the Association which, at Bradford in 1810, baptized as its child the American Board, we may remember that now as then our churches are true in their faith and hope. If to our Congregational churches the nations look with respect because of the $476,000 they last year cast into the treasury of Foreign Missions, they need not know what is the fact, — that of the whole $476,000, these Massachusetts churches gave $274,000. The life is here, — the spirit is here.

These things ought we to have done; but not to leave any home duties, to those who need our sympathy and aid, undone. The simple fact that in the latest official statistics, ending January 1, 1874, the

gain in membership, above losses by death and excommunication, is only an average of about 1¾ to each of our churches in this State, will preclude the possibility of our falling back upon the assertion that things are well enough as they are.* The church, like the man who soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. The work of the primitive church is, for substance, our work; and the offices which they instituted by divine appointment we must fill with those who are the most competent to do the work.

* That Massachusetts is not alone in such a small increase as that noticed in the paper, we may take the grand total of our gains in the United States, of 9,296 above losses by death and excommunication (those by letter being simply an interchange between sister churches). Divided among our 3,403 churches we have the average gain of 2 2-3 for each church in the year ending January 1, 1874. But not to regard this year as an exception, let us look at the admirable tables of statistics in the *Congregational Quarterly*, January 1, 1874. We take the eighteen years from 1857 — 1874. The average number of churches for each year is 2,829 churches. The absolute gain for those eighteen years, above losses by death and excommunication, was 134,367, or an average total gain to each church in eighteen years of nearly 48, — or an average yearly gain of 2 1-3 persons to each church. And we may add that during this time our population has been increased by about twelve millions. We held the field at the outset. These statistics should lead us to stronger efforts, as Congregational Churches, at home as well as abroad.

A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE DEACONESSES OF THE FIRST CHURCH, CHELSEA.

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AFTER the theory on this subject, presented so ably by our brother, it may not be inappropriate to give a statement as to the practice of one of our churches in the same direction.

For a year and a half the First Congregational Church of Chelsea has enjoyed the services of a Board of Deaconesses. The amount of work which these women have found to do, abundantly proves that there is as much need of the office in these modern days as in the time of the apostles.

One department of their effort has regard to new-comers. Whenever new families connect themselves with the congregation, or show any inclination to attend church, the deaconesses take pains to call immediately and give them a welcome, and also to hand their names and residences to the pastor that he may show a similar courtesy. At the church sociables, also, the deaconesses seek to make these strangers acquainted by introducing them to others. These services are of great value in a church like that at Chelsea, inasmuch as people are constantly coming and going, and without continued effort it would be impossible to keep up acquaintance in a population so changeable. So, also, when there are changes of residence in the parish, which are constantly occurring, these ladies take note of the fact, and as soon as possible, inform the pastor that he may know where to find his people.

What can be, is done, in inducing church neglecters to attend public worship. Now and then one is thus persuaded, and more especially are children brought into the Sabbath School. Not so much is done in these directions, however, as might be by the assistance of other church members. The little time which the deaconesses can command is so fully occupied with the needs of those already more or less closely connected with the parish that as yet little work, distinctively outside, has been accomplished.

In cases of sickness the help of the deaconesses is invaluable. They call often to express their sympathy, perhaps to make a prayer at the bedside of the sick, and always to offer their services. In families which are comparatively unknown and with but few friends in the city, they are able to render efficient assistance at such times. When watchers are needed, they either watch themselves or send others. They have a list of several ladies and gentlemen who have volunteered to watch with the sick, whenever called upon. In cases of infirmity, such, for example, as are caused by old age or blindness, they have

shown many kindnesses, visiting often, and sometimes spending an hour at a time in reading aloud.

In cases of affliction, the deaconesses are always welcome. They have sometimes assisted in laying out the dead. In families who lacked other aid, and were ignorant as to what to do, they have made arrangements for the funeral. If they learned of sudden trials in business, or in the loss of friends out of town, or of mental distress, however caused, they have sent word to the pastor if they judged that a call from him could carry comfort.

In a parish like the one under mention, there will necessarily be much destitution, and largely among those who are sensitive in regard to assistance. The deaconesses, so far as able, meet this want. A small sum is voted them from the funds of the church, and replenished at their request, to be used at their discretion to supply immediate necessities. For example, one of the deaconesses, calling last winter in the evening, found a family who had been without food or fire since morning, and it had been a bitterly cold day. She instantly bought a basket of coal, and food, from a neighboring store, and the next day made provision for their permanent relief. The deacons are sometimes in doubt as to the direction and extent in which the benefactions of the church should go. Several times the deaconesses have looked up such cases and made a report to guide their action. The same sort of assistance is afforded the Ladies' Benevolent Society. The deaconesses suggest to the Society that such and such things should be done, such clothing furnished, and the Society gladly carries out their wish. Indeed, it is regarded as a part of their duty to enlist the co-operation of others wherever they can. The idea is not that they should do the work of all the rest, but rather supervise certain departments of Christian activity, and lead the way in them. Other boards and organizations in the church are glad of their suggestions. Several ladies stand ready to assist them in whatever ways are possible, and have repeatedly taken up certain activities at their request.

But it were in vain to attempt a list of all that these deaconesses have been able to do. We must not pause to speak of the occupation they have found for poor girls seeking work; of boarding-places secured for strangers; of the neglected or less known in the congregation who have been sought out and made to feel at home; of the statistics collected for the use of the pastor. All this and much more have they been enabled incidentally to accomplish.

We must not forget, however, to bear witness that the help these ladies give the pastor can hardly be exaggerated. On the one hand, they are always ready to do anything which he may suggest; for example, on one occasion a stranger called on the pastor and informed him that at such a number, on such a street, was a large family of little children who would be glad to go to the Sabbath School, but were

too poor to go properly clothed. The pastor reported the case to the deaconess in whose district it fell; she called at once at the place indicated, asked aid of the Benevolent Society, and in a Sabbath or two, six or eight bright little children came into the Sabbath School as the result. Many and many a time when the pastor was in doubt as to his own duty in some matter, has he requested the deaconesses to ascertain the facts, and afterward acted on their report. They admirably supplement his pastoral labors. Where frequent calls are needed, as in cases of severe sickness, and he cannot possibly find time to call every day, their presence in his place is very acceptable and largely makes good the lack. It is one of the most pleasant features of their work that they have been, in all families of the congregation, whatever their condition and standing, almost invariably welcome.

On the other hand, the deaconesses give the pastor such information that he can use the few hours each day at his command for pastoral work, to the best advantage. They inform him of those cases which most need his attention. It is thus that he comes to know of sickness, sorrow, religious interest, in his parish, and to find out those who, as new-comers, would receive a visit gladly.

But enough of the work these ladies do. A word as to their organization.

There is a Committee of Nomination in the church whose business it is to keep the Board of Deaconesses full. The term of office is but one year; for though the church desired to make it three years, the ladies would not consent to serve so long. But not only does a term soon run out, but quite frequently, by reason of domestic duties or removal from the city, some one of the incumbents is obliged to resign. It then falls to this committee immediately to decide on some fit person to fill the vacancy, ascertain if she will consent to serve, and put her name in nomination before the church. This is deemed indispensable; for the office of deaconess is such a delicate and responsible position, requiring such peculiar gifts, that it would be unwise, in a church of nearly seven hundred members, to elect one at random and without the careful deliberation of a committee.

It has been found that for deaconesses we need women of devoted piety, of sound judgment, of tact in approaching others, of warm hearts, of closed lips, able sacredly to keep a secret, of sufficient age to ensure them the respect of all and yet not of so great age as that their growing infirmities may check their activities, and, withal, possessed of sufficient leisure to find time for the work before them. This may seem a formidable list of qualifications, and we cannot expect to find them in perfection in any one; and yet scarcely a church is without women who possess largely the essential points of fitness.

There has been no little difficulty in securing ladies who were willing to take the office. The name has stood in the way. At first they

were called church-visitors to avoid this objection; but it was felt that it was due the office and no more than proper respect to scriptural precedent, to call these ladies by the name God had given them. There was a definiteness and dignity given to the office by calling them deaconesses which could be secured in no other way. The name, however, was not altogether pleasant to some; it had been, in their minds, connected with those sisterhoods which exist in the Episcopal Church in this country and in some other denominations in the Old World. "Why," said some of our ladies who had been elected to the office, "we are not deaconesses, we do quite a different work from that of the Kaiserwerth deaconesses, or those of Dr. Cullis." It took no little time to convince them that the word was misused in such connections, and that the female diaconate was not a sisterhood, but just such an office as our Congregational Churches are now introducing, in imitation of the practice of primitive Christianity.

There has been the natural diffidence at assuming the office which always attends the introduction of something previously unknown. It was not certain what would be expected of the deaconesses or how they would be received in their work. This difficulty, however, is wearing away, and as the office becomes a more thoroughly recognized part of the church organization, will disappear.

The greatest difficulty of all has been found in the fact that our women are busy. It may be that in some communities the ladies have an abundance of leisure, but it is not so in Chelsea. They have their household affairs to manage and their children to bring up. The latter is a duty which cannot be delegated to nurse or to teacher in week, day, or Sabbath school, and if done properly requires no little time. It is distinctly recognized by pastor and people that home obligations rank first, and that husband and children must not be neglected for the sake of work outside. So when a Christian woman conscientiously declares that the multitude of her home cares forbids her assumption of this office, we do not feel at liberty to press the matter, but look elsewhere for one of more leisure.

The parish is divided into six districts, one for each of the deaconesses. This apportionment is printed in the Annual Record of the church and so distributed throughout the parish. If, then, anything occurs which needs the care of the deaconesses, it is at once known who should be called on. The deaconesses do not confine themselves within the boundaries of their own districts, but feel themselves at liberty to call here and there in any part of the parish where friendship or special fitness may suggest; they, however, are responsible for the districts assigned them.

In their work they have great assistance in a little pocket directory, which the church publishes every few years and in which is given the name of every church member and his residence. Without something

of this sort, either printed or privately compiled, their work would be quite impracticable.

There is no public induction into office, but each deaconess receives, on her assumption of her duties, a full paper of instructions, carefully drawn up by the pastor, giving details as to her work and helpful suggestions.

Once a month these ladies meet the pastor and make a report to him of their work. The secretary then records the number of calls each one has made the past month; also, the number of calls on the sick, the number of watchers provided, and other such facts as are worthy of preservation. In this meeting the deaconesses talk over with the pastor the difficulties of their work, confer with him concerning different families and individuals, call to his attention cases which need his personal care, and receive suggestions from him. The meeting has been found to be extremely profitable to all concerned. Both deaconesses and pastor are strengthened by it.

In addition, the deaconesses hold a fortnightly meeting by themselves for prayer, which they declare to be very helpful and stimulating to them in carrying on their work.

No public account of their work has ever been given in the meetings of the church. Very many touching accounts could be given of the good they have done; but their work is of such a private and often delicate character that it is doubtful if any public reports could be made which would not do more harm than good. Even in their conferences among themselves and with their pastor, it is understood that their conversations are, and must be, sacredly confidential. It is possible something more might be done to awaken a general interest on the part of the church in their work, but thus far all public mention of what they are doing has been confined to brief statements in the Annual Record, printed by the church, and in the annual anniversary sermon of the pastor. The statement of the Record for 1874 was as follows: —

"The deaconesses have made during the year 1,399 calls; of these, 511 were on the sick. Watchers provided, 25."

As to the usefulness of the office, everything depends on the character of those who serve, and we can cherish no kinder wish for those churches who may propose to return to the scriptural practice than to hope that they may be as fortunate as the First Church in Chelsea has been in securing for the position women whose wisdom and devotion shall make the office a grand success.

PRAYER-MEETINGS: HOW TO KILL THEM AND HOW TO MAKE THEM ALIVE.

BY REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN.

It is easy enough, too easy indeed, to kill a prayer-meeting. I have seen it done by a small kitten. A lively bat or an impulsive June-bug can damage one badly. It is not greatly to the credit of those who meet to pray that their devotions can be so easily disturbed. If our spiritual life were a little more vigorous, our hold upon things unseen and eternal would not be shaken off by such trivial accidents. I speak, however, of what is and not of what ought to be; and nothing is plainer than that those moods of mind which are the conditions of a good prayer-meeting are, with the majority of worshippers, somewhat fitful and mutable. A study of some of the more usual methods by which devotional feeling is shut out, or banished from the assembly, may be of service.

In the first place, a prayer-meeting may be killed by holding it in an uncomfortable room. If the temperature be so low that the feet tingle with the cold, and the singers execute involuntary trills as they discourse the melodies of Zion, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to have an enjoyable meeting. There is not much use in asking people to sing,

> "Warm our hearts in prayer and praise,
> Lift our every thought above,"

When their bodies are shaking with an ague-chill, and in spite of themselves, their every thought is chained to their aching members. If, on the other hand, the room is so warm and the atmosphere so foul that the worshippers are stifled or stupefied by it, the same result will follow. If men were pure spirits, they might be happy and devotional under such circumstances; but they have bodies as well as spirits, and they find it convenient, generally, to take their bodies to prayer-meeting with them; and if you contrive to make these bodies of theirs thoroughly uncomfortable, you will be likely to prevent them from deriving any spiritual profit from the service.

2. Another good way to kill a prayer-meeting is to scatter a small congregation over a large space, so that the people shall hardly be within hailing distance of one another, or else to huddle them together in the back seats, while the leader sits stranded on the platform at the other end of the room, with a waste expanse of empty pews between him and the assembly. It goes far to disturb the devotions of the most devout just to think of the lonesomeness and ludicrousness of the

leader's position, perched away up there behind the pulpit, and calling dolefully down across the barren benches to the distant worshippers,

> "Though sundered far, by faith we meet
> Around one common mercy-seat."

It may be so, but it takes a very strong faith to realize it. I have thought not a little about the attraction which the back seats have for the average prayer-meeting goer, and am not quite clear in mind about the reason of it. The same people are affected quite differently when they go to a concert or a lecture; and if, in the distribution of seats in the Lord's house, that one should be assigned to them which they always choose in the prayer-meeting, they would be greatly offended. The fact *seems* to be that in the prayer-meeting there is some actual service required of those who attend, and for that reason there is a disposition to skulk and hide. Of course, nothing can prosper when any such disposition as this prevails, and the leader ought to exterminate it, even if he have to use heroic remedies. When it is the custom to call upon persons to take part in the meeting, it might be well to make it the invariable rule to call first on those who sit in the back seats. Let it be understood that that is the exposed position. A fire in the rear sometimes has a stimulating effect upon stragglers.

Or if the people will settle down at the rear of the room, let the leader follow them back. By some means let the assembly be made compact. If I had a prayer-room too large for my prayer-meeting, and did not want to see the meeting put to death, I would insist that those who came should sit together; and I would carry my point, too, even if it became necessary to procure ropes and tie up the ends of the pews that I did not want occupied, or to have that portion of the room not needed cut off by screens.

3. It is well known that long speeches and long prayers are usually fatal to a prayer-meeting; and to secure its taking off by this method, it will be useful for the leader to begin by offering a long prayer, and reading a long chapter, and making a long speech, and giving out two long hymns and having them sung to slow tunes. If from twenty minutes to half an hour of the time can be consumed in this way by the leader, the meeting will, as a general thing, be in a moribund condition by the time he sits down. The example which he has set is sure to be followed, and in a very short time some unusually prolix brother will give it its finishing stroke.

4. Debates on doctrinal subjects, especially on those subjects about which nobody in the world knows anything,—on questions purely philosophical or speculative,—are also very effectual in killing prayer-meetings. If you can get up a good lively discussion about foreordination, or perseverance, or the intermediate state, or the nature of the resurrection body, you will put an end to the life of the meeting very soon. That flame of sacred love which burns flickeringly at best on

our altars of prayer is quickly put out by a good, stiff breeze of disputation.

5. A free indulgence of criticism by those in attendance upon the prayers or exhortations of those who take part in the meeting will, in time, injure it mortally. Let those who are wont to speak or pray understand that it is the habit of the rest to talk disparagingly of their abilities or their utterances; let their expressions be quoted and turned to ridicule; let their slips of grammar be noted and commented on; let their infelicitous sayings be reported; in short, let it be understood, or at least suspected, that the exercises of the prayer-room are dealt with by a large number of those who frequent the place just as if they were performances; that they are not accepted as the sincere but faulty utterances of souls seeking the truth, crying out in the darkness after God, but are criticised by the canons of rhetoric and taste, and in a very short time there will be no vitality to speak of left in the prayer-meeting. Those who listen in this critical mood are not in the proper frame of mind to receive good, and those who, conscious of this critical atmosphere that surrounds them, undertake to speak or pray, are not apt to have any good thing to impart; and between them the enjoyment and profit of the meeting are destroyed.

6. If none of these means are effectual, there is one thing that never fails to kill. Turn the prayer-room into a wailing-place. Take up a good part of every evening in talking about the coldness and the deadness of the church, and lamenting that so few come up to her solemn feasts. Sing very frequently the familiar verses, —

> "Look how we grovel here below,
> Fond of these trifling toys;
> Our souls can neither fly nor go
> To reach immortal joys.
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> "In vain we tune our formal songs,
> In vain we strive to rise;
> Hosannas languish on our tongues,
> And our devotion dies."

If you will sing that, and try to enter into the spirit of it, every Thursday evening, your devotion will die after a little. It may live for a while at a poor dying rate; but if it *should* linger, try a little vigorous scolding of those who *are* there because others are not there, and that will quickly put it out of its misery.

Such are some of the most approved methods of killing prayer-meetings. I might enlarge upon this branch of the subject, but perhaps it is not necessary.

How to make a prayer-meeting alive is a much harder problem. In most of our Congregational Churches it has at least a name to live; very few of them have abandoned it altogether; and in a great many — I trust the large majority — of them the meeting is thoroughly alive, and

bringing forth good fruit every year. That description of the average prayer-meeting which appeared in Scribner's Monthly some months since, was, I trust and believe, a caricature rather than a picture of the actual prayer-meeting of the period. In most of our churches it is a much less stupid affair than it was there represented to be. I am greatly mistaken if these meetings are not, as a general thing, more attractive and more effective for good in this year of grace than they ever were before. It is not, therefore, the miracle of restoring a dead prayer-meeting to life which I am to discuss, but rather the natural and rational methods of maintaining the existence and increasing the vitality of those that are already alive.

1. In the first place, as we have already seen, the place in which the meeting is held has much to do with its pleasantness and profitableness. There are those whose faith is so robust that it can defy untoward circumstances, but it is not so with all; and a good prayer-meeting implies not only the spiritual quickening of a few, but the profiting of the whole assembly. The room ought to be warm in the winter, *always* warm; so that the people shall have no misgivings when the bell rings as to whether they shall suffer if they answer its summons; it ought to be well ventilated at all seasons of the year.

It is quite possible to have an excellent prayer-meeting in an ordinary lecture-room with fixed pews; but that is not the best model of a prayer-room. A pleasant parlor, carpeted, with pictures on the walls and chairs arranged in circles round the leader, is much better. What we want to secure is freedom and familiarity, and there is likely to be less constraint and less reserve in such a room as this than in one where the people sit in straight rows on immovable benches.

2. Who shall lead the meeting? The best man, whoever he may be. The system of rotating leaders, which is in vogue in many churches, has some advantages; but on the whole, I think it is not the best system. The members of a regiment would not wisely take turns in commanding, whether in camp or on the battle-field. Some special gifts are required for the successful conduct of a prayer meeting,— gifts which are not possessed by a good many of those who attend the meeting. The discipline gained by those who lead may be worth something; but all the discipline in the world will not make some of them good leaders, and what slight benefit they gain from the exercise is gained at too great an expense to their brethren. It is sometimes the case that there are members of the church who are quite as well qualified for this service as the minister; if so, let them be called to perform it; but never spoil a meeting for the sake of giving an incompetent person a chance to exercise gifts which the Lord never gave him.

The interest of the meeting greatly depends upon the leader. He ought to be a man of some personal magnetism, ready and rapid in his mental movements, quick to seize a thought which has been left en-

tangled in an unsuccessful statement, and set it at liberty; skilful to turn the talk of the meeting into a fruitful channel, when it is wasting itself in the sands of unprofitable discussion; prompt with a sentence of application to send the arrow home which has fallen all feathered from the bow of another. Above all, he ought to be a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, so that the meeting shall have, through him, an instant and constant impulse from on high.

His opening of the meeting had better be brief. The whole of the introductory service, singing, prayer, reading of the Scriptures, remarks, may well be brought within ten minutes. It is not always necessary to read a whole chapter; the divisions of God's Word into chapters and verses are not inspired, and may often be disregarded with great profit. There ought to be one theme, and only one, presented for the consideration of the meeting; that theme may be found clearly presented in a single verse, or a very few verses selected from different parts of the Bible. It is better to read only what bears on the subject in hand. The remarks which the leader makes, if he make any, ought to be concise and pointed. Perhaps it may be as well simply to state the question, and leave the rest to unfold the truth about it. In a few well-chosen words, let him indicate the direction which the thought of the meeting ought to take and then give way.

All stereotyped methods of opening or conducting the meeting ought to be avoided. Begin sometimes with reading, sometimes with prayer, sometimes with singing, speak sometimes standing and sometimes, when you have at best a few familiar words to say, sitting. Keep out of everything that looks like a rut. Don't have the same old prayer-meeting every time: have a new one, fresh from heaven, with a life of its own, a lesson of its own, a character of its own, every week.

It is important that the leader should be ready for the meeting. Not only ought he to have a clear understanding of the topic under discussion, but all his preparation ought to be made before he goes into the room; so that he shall have no Scripture or hymns to hunt up while the congregation is waiting, so that he shall go instantly from one exercise to another. If his part of the meeting moves on in this prompt fashion, the rest of it will be more likely to move in the same way.

3. I have assumed that there should always be a theme of prayer and remark announced beforehand, either on Sunday or at the previous meeting. It is better that the service should have some unity of purpose and impression. There is less danger from routine, and more likelihood of intelligent and profitable remark, if the topic be announced and adhered to. Some wisdom is called for, however, in the choice of subjects. It may be well to take from the Bible a series of related passages, such as the parables, or the miracles of our Lord,

or the letters to the seven churches; or if single topics are selected, let them be of a practical character, — themes that take hold of the religious life of the individual. Such plain subjects as these we have been talking about in our prayer-meeting lately: "Repentance," "Conversion," "Evidences of Conversion; or, How may I know whether I am a Christian or not?" "Consecration," "The Conditions of Church Membership," "The Benefits of Church Membership." We have found no little interest and profit in trying to understand more clearly some of these cardinal truths of practical religion. I think we shall take up, by and by, some of these themes which come a little closer to every-day duty, such as Honesty in Trade; Evil Speaking; Religion in the Family; Neighborly Kindness; Pride and Humility; Ostentation and Simplicity; Good and Bad Temper. We ministers preach about these matters of Christian morality: why should we not encourage our people to talk about them in the conference meetings, — to apply the truth to themselves, and to seek the grace of God in overcoming these common faults? *If we want live prayer-meetings, we must bring life into our prayer-meetings*, — make them deal largely with questions of life, with religion as applied to life. Such aspects of religion are full of interest to all kinds of people; and if they can see that the prayer-meeting will help them in clearing their ideas of right and wrong and strengthening their hands for the work of life, they will not need so much urging to attend it.

4. Those who take part in the meeting ought to be made to feel the importance of brevity and concentration of thought, both in their words of testimony and in their prayers. The habit of saying just one thing clearly, and stopping when that is said, ought to be cultivated. Let each one present a single aspect of the truth, the one which to him seems most important, and leave something for the rest to say. So with prayer. Encourage those who pray to ask each for that one thing which he wants most for himself or for his brethren. "This one thing I do," said Paul. To do one thing well is better than to do two things by halves. To say one thing clearly is better than to say a dozen things unintelligibly. The concentration of the thought of each person upon one truth, of the desire of each upon one object, renders the thoughts of all more clear, the desires of all more intense. The expressions of such worshippers will be full of vividness and directness, of fervor and power.

5. The meeting ought to be so free and so familiar that one sitting in his seat might ask a question or drop a remark without rising. Sometimes a thought comes that could be expressed in a sentence. It seems hardly worth while to get up to say it; the uprising and the downsitting make it sound affectedly sententious. Yet it would be spoken very naturally by one sitting still, if that were the usual practice, and might have a good deal more in it than many long speeches.

I remember a former parishioner of mine, a man of exceeding diffidence, who never made a speech in his life, in prayer-meeting or anywhere else, but whose daily life and conversation were both of them with grace seasoned with salt. We had a habit in our prayer-meeting of talking pretty familiarly; and although he did not often speak, when he did he usually said something. One evening we had the parable of the great supper and the wedding garment; and the fact came out that the master of the feast furnished the guests with raiment. "And is it not so with our Master?" asked somebody. "Does he not clothe us with the robe of his righteousness?"—"He does," I answered. "But we must put it on, must n't we?" asked my friend. Eight words! but nothing was left to be said on that subject.

Now, if we can attain unto a measure of freedom in our prayer-meetings which shall admit of such pithy questions and observations, I am persuaded their interest and value would be very greatly increased. Our Christian women might, in such a condition of things, open their mouths now and then greatly to the profiting of the rest of us. One step in this direction is easily taken, and that is the repetition of texts of Scripture in the pauses of the meeting by old and young, male and female. The subject is known beforehand, and those who come should be requested to bring in their memory verses of Scripture which illustrate it, and recite them as they find room for them during the evening. Sometimes these well-chosen words will go home to the hearts of the hearers with great power. Verses of hymns, or short and pertinent extracts from the writings of good men, might be repeated in the same way with profit.

My friend, Mr. Pratt, in North Adams, sometimes arranges the theme of the meeting under several heads, putting the subdivisions in the form of questions, selecting answers to them from the Bible, and distributing these at the Sunday School, among the people, taking care to include a good many of the children of the church. Thus, if the general subject were Prayer, the first question might be, "How do we know that prayer is a duty?" And the answer, recited promptly, "He spoke a parable unto them, to this end: that men ought always to pray."—"How often should we pray?"—"Pray without ceasing." And so on through as many phases of the subject as he cares to open. He tells me that those to whom verses are thus assigned rarely fail to come and repeat them; and thus not only is their attendance assured, but they get accustomed to the sound of their own voices in the prayer-meeting. His own comments on the words thus recited are brief, and he reads no other Scripture. The subject of the evening is thus pleasantly opened, and it is easy to take it up and go on with it. This calls for a little work, but less, perhaps, than you may suppose;

and no more, perhaps, than you must be ready to give if you would reap any real advantage from this service.

I have not spoken of the singing, but that must be one important feature of the best prayer-meeting. It is better to have an instrument to lead it. That makes it certain that the tunes will be rightly pitched and encourages timid singers to join their voices in the song; and no other instrument is so good for the prayer-meeting or the Sunday School as the piano-forte. Of singing-books it is well to have, in addition to the one used in the regular church services, some collection of what Mr. Bacon calls spiritual songs,—those lighter and more graceful melodies which are now so commonly in use in the prayer-room. The great majority of our worshippers, especially the younger ones, prefer these. Some of them seem almost puerile in their sentiment; but it is better not to be too fastidious about such matters. A verse that to you or to me may be very faulty, may to some others, as good Christians as we, be full of refreshment and stimulus. Such melodies as, "I need thee every hour," "One more day's work for Jesus," "He leadeth me," "The Valley of Blessing," "More love to thee, O Christ," "Whiter than snow," "The Lord will provide," are full of a tenderness and passion that are not often expressed in the statelier psalms and hymns of the church books. If you have no collection of hymns specially adapted to the prayer-meeting, resort to your Sunday-school singing-book. You will find, in most of these, many such familiar and spirited songs, which are well adapted to the uses of the social-meeting. Indeed, most of the prayer-meeting hymnals are largely made up of selections from the Sunday-school books.

The singing, and indeed all the exercises, should be as nearly as possible spontaneous. The leader may suggest a hymn now and then which fits some sentiment just expressed; and any member of the meeting ought to be free to make the same suggestion or to lead off in the singing of a verse. Never take time to read a hymn in the prayer-meeting unless there be something in it to which you wish to call special attention. It is a superfluous formality. When books were not plenty there was a reason for it: there is none now.

If you can preface the prayer-meeting with a singing-meeting fifteen minutes or half an hour in length, you may find that helpful in more ways than one. The people may be taught in this way to sing many of the tunes in the church hymn-book with which they are not familiar, and thus the congregational singing on the Lord's day may be greatly improved. Moreover, a brief season of devotional singing is an excellent preparation for the service that is to follow.

What I have said has had almost exclusive reference to *methods* of conducting the prayer-meeting. It will not, however, I trust, be

inferred from what has been said that the best methods in the world will of themselves produce good meetings. Methods produce nothing. It is power that produces; it is life that builds. Bad methods may greatly mar the prayer-meeting, but good methods will not make it. What is wanted most is the increase of spiritual power, the invigoration of spiritual life, in those who are called to be saints. The chief reason why prayer-meetings are sometimes dull is that a good many Christian people have very little genuine religious experience to talk about. Their minds are full of other topics than those with which the prayer-meeting deals; their hands are full of other labors than those to which the prayer-meeting points: out of the emptiness of their hearts their mouths won't speak; or if they do they utter inanities. The first thing to be sought by all our churches is, therefore, the spiritual enlargement of all their members. Better praying, wiser talking, truer living, harder working will come from this, no doubt.

Yet though an increase of spiritual life is the first thing, and though methods of administration, whether in the prayer-meeting or the parish work, are subordinate, let nobody go on and say that they are of no consequence. In the nutrition of our bodies it is of course of the first importance that we should have food to eat; but our health and comfort depend in no small degree upon the way in which it is prepared. "First catch your hare"—oh, of course; but is it not then worth while to know how to cook it?

Patriotism and courage are the prime qualities of a soldier: are drill and discipline, then, of no account in an army?

Power is the first requisite in the mechanical industries: but are not the contrivances by which power is applied of some importance?

Life in the seed, sunshine and rain from the sky, fertility in the soil, these are the conditions of a good crop of corn: is it necessary, then, for the farmer to know nothing of the methods of cultivating corn?

In our Christian work we must not suppose that machinery will generate power, or that by any arts of culture we can bring dead souls to life; but on the other hand we must not despise instrumentalities. We speak of *means* of grace. Well, if grace comes through means, mediums, mediations, there are some, doubtless, that are better than others; it is our business to get the best, and use them faithfully. There is a divine life, but there is also a divine art by which the life finds expression. If we are wise workmen we shall know something of that.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS, *in account with* GEO. E. CLARKE, *Treasurer*.

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1874.		
Aug. 19.	To cash paid A. Mudge & Son for printing the "Minutes," (2,500 copies), mailing do., circulars, etc. . . .	$794 00
Dec. 19.	To cash paid E. Anthony & Sons for circulars, 1874 . .	4 50
1875.		
April 3.	To cash paid Rev. Daniel P. Noyes for sundry expenses as secretary of the Home Evangelization Committee .	14 00
May 25.	To cash paid Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, for printing, postage, etc., 1874	3 90
June 14	To cash paid Rev. A. H. Quint, for printing, stationery, etc.	14 20
June 16.	To cash paid Rev. James P. Kimball, for postage, stationery, and travelling expenses	6 15
June 16.	To cash paid treasurer, for postage, stationery, and travelling expenses	13 50
June 16.	To cash paid Gazette Printing Office, for programmes, etc.	7 00
June 16.	To cash paid interest on money hired to pay printer's bill in anticipation of receipts from the Conferences .	28 59
	Balance in the treasury	432 73
		$1,318 57

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By balance in the treasury as per last report $24 84

By cash received from the several Conferences, as follows, viz.—

November 13, 1874, Andover, $73.46; April 5, 1875, do., $74.66; June 10, 1875, Barnstable, $30.40; February 3, (for 1873–4,) Berkshire North, $36.47; November 19, 1874, Berkshire South, $25.86; June 10, 1875, Brookfield, $50.92; May 18, Essex North, $53.90; June 20, 1874, Essex South, $68.40; June 8, 1875, do., $65; September 19, 1874, Franklin, $25; June 5, 1875, Hampden, $40; November 5, 1874, Hampshire, $25; February 17, 1875, do., $35; February 1, 1875, Hampshire East, $42.56; April 14, do., $12.47; June 10, 1875, Mendon, $24.53; April 30, 1875, Middlesex South, $41.45; June 8, 1875, Middlesex Union, $48; July 8, 1874, Norfolk, $50; May 27, 1875, do., $50; November 30, 1874, Old Colony, $31.61; June 17, 1874, Pilgrim, $21.20; June 15, 1875, do., $21.50; June 10, 1875, Suffolk North, $85.50; June 2, 1875, Suffolk South, $60; June 5, 1875, Taunton and vicinity, $15; June 4, 1875, Woburn, $51.10; May 22, 1875, Worcester Central, $61.84; June 7, 1875, Worcester North, $25; July 29, 1874, Worcester South, $10.65; June 3, 1875, do., $37.25.

Total receipts $1,318 57

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865; the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the Gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each District Association of ministers consenting to the principles above stated may appoint, annually, two delegates; and each District Conference of churches, also so consenting, may appoint, annually, three delegates, who shall be laymen; which delegates, with the Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A Secretary, a Registrar, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational Church connected with this body shall be eligible.

2. A Moderator and an Assistant Registrar shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each session to serve during that session.

3. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge of the printing thereof, distribute the publications of the Association, and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The Registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association; to whom the Assistant Registrar shall render his aid. He shall seasonably notify the time and place of each annual session.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and be the Committee of Publication unless another be chosen. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. QUORUM.—Twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, at four o'clock, P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

IX. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates, to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that Society.

X. CORRESPONDENCE.—Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

XI. ORGANIZATION.—The pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the Secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The certificates of the delegates present shall be presented, only the names of members being read by the Registrar. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a Moderator and an Assistant Registrar, and the Moderator shall open the session with prayer. A Committee on Credentials shall then be appointed, to whom all certificates shall be referred.

XII. COMMITTEES.—1. The committees for the session are these:

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, who shall be apppointed by the Moderator immediately after the opening of the session.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following, and any other committees referred to them.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the pastor, or some member of the church, shall be one, to prepare the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced during the session but through the hands and with the approbation of the committee. But if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A committee to audit the accounts, who shall report the state of the treasury, and the sum in their opinion necessary to be paid the next year by the churches of the several Conferences connected with this body.

2. To act after the adjournment:

(1.) A Provisional Committee of five, to arrange the schedule for the next annual meeting; to select a preacher for a sermon on Wednesday, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(2.) A State Committee on the Work of the Churches, who shall make an annual report to this body upon the work of the churches and state of religion, unless otherwise ordered at any session.

XIII. EXERCISES. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIV. SPECIAL ORDERS. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, the Moderator shall take the Chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; shall direct the roll to be called; shall open the meeting with prayer; and cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the session of each day shall be closed with prayer.

2. The associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Thursday P. M., but may be changed to Tuesday evening, at the option of the Provisional Committee. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association shall be devoted to the cause of Home Missions.

3. Each annual meeting shall be closed with a psalm or hymn, and prayer.

XV. PLACE OF MEETING. — Previously to the close of each meeting the General Association shall specify a place for meeting the next year, and designate the Association (in alphabetical order) to appoint a preacher for the sermon before the Lord's Supper. And the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparation to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered, generally, without remarks.

XVI. RULES OF ORDER. — 1. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested by the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing; and no motion shall be opened to discussion until it be seconded.

2. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members. But he may not speak to the merits of the question without leaving the Chair, and placing some other member in it, to preside while he speaks.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, laying on the table, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question. The previous question is this: Shall the main question be now put? And the effect of adopting it shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon the amendments, if any are pending, and then upon the main question proper.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption; if he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

XVII. AMENDMENTS. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposal at the annual meeting next prior to that of action; and after notice has been sent to the several Associations and Conferences; and by a two-thirds vote.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JUNE 8, 1859.

Churches:

Andover, South church, Essex Co.
" West church, " "
" Free Christian ch. " "
" Ballardvale, Un. ch. " "
" Theolog. Sem. ch. " "
Chelmsford, 2d church, Middlesex Co.
Dracut, 1st church, " "
" Central church, " "
Lawrence, Law. St. Cong. ch., Essex Co.
" Central Cong. ch. " "
" Eliot Cong. ch. " "
Lawrence, South Cong. ch., Essex Co.
Lowell, Pawtucket ch., Middlesex Co.
" First church, " "
" Appleton St. church, " "
" John St. church, " "
" Kirk St. church, " "
" High St. church, " "
Methuen, 1st church, Essex Co.
North Andover, " "
Tewksbury, Middlesex Co.
Tyngsborough, " " — 22.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday in April and October.

James G. Buttrick, Lowell, Secretary and Treasurer for three years. A Moderator is chosen at each meeting.

2. BARNSTABLE, ORGANIZED OCTOBER 28, 1828.

Churches, — all the churches in Barnstable and Nantucket Counties. — 21.

Conference meets on the second Tuesday of June and first Tuesday of December.

Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, Scribe.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH, ORGANIZED DECEMBER 3, 1867.

Churches, — all of which are in Berkshire County, except Middlefield:

Adams, North,
" South,
Becket, North,
Dalton,
Hinsdale,
Lanesborough,
Middlefield, Hampshire Co.
Peru,
Pittsfield, First church,
Pittsfield, Second church,
" South church,
Richmond,
Washington,
Williamstown, First church,
" College church,
" 2d church, South,
Windsor. — 17.

Conference meets on the second Wednesday in November.

Dea. Charles J. Kittredge, Hinsdale, Moderator; J. Henry Wright, North Adams, Scribe.

4. Berkshire South, Organized September 4, 1860.

Churches, — all of which are in Berkshire County:

Alford,
Becket, Centre,
Egremont, South,
Great Barrington,
" " Housatonic,
Lee,
Lenox,
Monterey,
Mount Washington,
New Marlborough, First church,
New Marlborough, Southfield,
" " Mill River,
Otis,
Sandisfield,
" New Boston,
Sheffield,
Stockbridge,
" Curtisville,
West Stockbridge,
" " Centre. — 20.

Conference holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday of November; its other meetings at the call of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, Lenox, Moderator; Elisha Doolittle, Great Barrington, Scribe; Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, Lenox, Henry D. Sedgwick, Lenox, and Rev. Joseph C. Bodwell, Jr., Stockbridge, Executive Committee.

5. Brookfield Associational, Organized June 13, 1821.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County, except as noted:

Barre,
Brimfield, Hampden Co.
Brookfield,
Charlton,
Dana,
Dudley,
Hardwick,
" Gilbertville,
Holland, Hampden Co.
New Braintree,
North Brookfield, First church,
Oakham,
Southbridge,
Spencer,
Sturbridge,
Ware, First church, Hampshire Co.
" East,
Warren,
" West,
West Brookfield. — 20.

Conference meets annually on the second Tuesday in June, at 10 A. M.
Rev. Joel M. Seymour, Brookfield, Scribe.

6. Essex North, Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches, — all of which are in Essex County:

Amesbury, West,
" Mills,
Boxford, West,
Bradford, First church,
Georgetown, First church,
Groveland,
Haverhill, West Parish,
" Fourth,
" Centre church,
" North church,
Ipswich, First church,
Ipswich and Rowley, Linebrook,
Newbury, First church,
" Byfield,
Newburyport, North church,
" Fourth church,
" Belleville,
" Whitefield church,
Rowley,
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,
Salisbury and Amesbury, Union ch.
West Newbury, First church,
" " Second church. — 23.

The First and Second Presbyterian churches, in Newburyport, are also members of the Conference.

Conference meets (annually) on the second Tuesday in May; semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday in October.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. John D. Kingsbury, Bradford, Scribe.

7. Essex South, Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches, — all of which are in Essex County:

Beverly, Second church, North,
" Dane Street church,
" Washington Street church,
Boxford,
Danvers, Centre,
" Maple Street church,
Essex,
Georgetown, Memorial church,
Gloucester, West,
" Harbor,
" Lanesville,
Hamilton,
Ipswich, South church,
Lynn, First church,
" Central church,
" Chestnut Street church,
Lynn, North Congregational church,
Lynnfield, Centre,
" Second church,
Manchester, Orthodox church,
Marblehead, First church,
" Third church,
Middleton,
Peabody,
" Rockville,
Rockport, First church,
Salem, Tabernacle church,
" South Church,
" Crombie Street church,
Saugus,
Swampscott,
Topsfield,
Wenham. — 33.

Pigeon Cove (Union) church, Rockport, is also on the roll of the Conference.

Conference meets on the third Wednesday in May and second Wednesday in October.

Rev. Albert H. Currier, Lynn, Chairman of Executive Committee; Rev. Calvin G. Hill, Hamilton, Clerk and Treasurer.

8. Franklin, Organized October 10, 1843.

Churches, — all the churches in Franklin County (including the new church at Turner's Falls, in Montague), except New Salem, North Orange, and Whately. — 27.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in September, its annual meeting.

S. T. Field, Shelburne Falls, Moderator; Rev. Charles H. Daniels, Montague, Scribe and Treasurer.

9. Hampden, Organized December 4, 1850.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampden County, except as mentioned:

Agawam, Feeding Hills,
" Congregational church,
Blandford,
Chester Centre, First church,
" Depot, Second church,
Chicopee, First church,
" Second church,
" Third church,
Granville, East,
" West

Holyoke, First church,
" Second church,
Longmeadow,
" East,
Ludlow,
" Mills,
Monson,
Montgomery,
Palmer, First church,
" Second church, Depot,
So. Hadley, First ch., Hampshire Co.
Southwick,
Springfield, First church,
Springfield, Oliver church,
" South church,
" North church,
" Indian Orchard,
" Sanford Street church,
Tolland,
Westfield, First church,
" Second church,
West Springfield,
" " Mittineague,
" " Park street,
Wilbraham,
" South. — 36.

Also, Springfield, Memorial church (Union).

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

O. W. Wilcox, Springfield, Moderator; Rev. John W. Harding, Longmeadow, Scribe.

10. Hampshire, Organized February, 1865.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampshire County:

Chesterfield,
Cummington, East,
" West,
Easthampton, First church,
" Payson church,
Goshen,
Hatfield,
Huntington, First church,
" Second church,
Northampton, First church,
" Edwards church,
" Florence church,
Plainfield,
Southampton,
Westhampton,
Williamsburg, First church,
" Haydenville,
Worthington. — 18.

Conference meets on the fourth Tuesday in April and first Tuesday in November; or at the discretion of the Committee of Arrangement.

Rev. John H. Bisbee, Huntington, Moderator; Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 13, 1860.

Churches, — all of which are in Hampshire County, except as below:

Amherst, First church.
" Second church, East street,
" College church,
" North church, North,
" Church of South,
Belchertown,
Enfield,
Granby,
Greenwich,
Hadley, First church,
Hadley, Second church,
" Russell church,
Leverett, Franklin County,
Pelham,
" Packardville,
Prescott,
South Hadley,
" " Falls,
Whately, Franklin County. — 19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and on the third Tuesday in October.

George Montague, Amherst, Permanent Clerk and Treasurer.

12. Mendon, Organized April 27, 1858.

Churches, — all of which are in Norfolk County, except as below:

Foxborough,
Franklin, North,
" South,
Mansfield, Bristol County,
Medfield,
Medway, First church, East,
Medway, Second church, West,
" Village church,
Milford, Worcester County,
Norfolk,
Walpole,
Wrentham. — 12.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays of April and October.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe and Treasurer.

13. Middlesex South, Organized August 20, 1828.

Churches:

Ashland, Middlesex County,
Concord, " "
Dover, Norfolk County,
Framingham, Ply'th ch., Middlesex Co.
" Saxonville, " "
" South, " "
Holliston, " "
Hopkinton, " "
Lincoln, " "
Marlborough, " "
Maynard, Middlesex County,
Natick, " "
" South, " "
Needham, Wellesley, Norfolk County,
Northborough, Worcester County,
Sherborn, Middlesex County,
Southborough, Worcester Co.
" Southville, " "
Sudbury, Middlesex County,
Wayland, " " — 20.

Conference meets on the third Tuesdays in April and October, and holds devotional meetings monthly, from December to April.

Dea. J. A. Fitch, Hopkinton, Moderator; Rev. George G. Phipps, Wellesley, Secretary and Treasurer.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized May 8, 1833.

Churches:

Acton, Middlesex County,
Ashby, " "
Ayer, " "
Boxborough, " "
Dunstable, " "
Fitchburg, Calvinistic ch., Worces'r Co.
" Rollstone ch. " "
Groton, Middlesex County,
Harvard, Worcester County,
Lancaster, Worcester County,
Leominster, " "
" North, " "
Littleton, Middlesex County,
Lunenburg, Worcester County,
Pepperell, Middlesex County,
Shirley, " "
Townsend, " "
Westford, " " — 18.

Conference meets in April, and (21st annual meeting) October 13, 14, 1875.

Rev. Henry M. Tyler, Fitchburg, President; Rev. Franklin P. Wood, Acton, Secretary.

15. Norfolk, Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches:

Abington, First church, Plymouth Co.
" Fourth ch., North, " "
Braintree, First ch., Norfolk County,
" South ch. " "
Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Brockton, First ch., " "
" South ch., Campello, " "
" Porter Ev. ch., " "
Canton, Norfolk County,
Cohasset, Evan. ch., " "
" Beechwood, " "
East Bridgewater, Plymouth County,
Easton, Bristol County,
Hingham, Plymouth County,
Holbrook, Winthrop ch., Norfolk Co.
Milton, First church, Norfolk Co.
" Second ch., Railway, " "
Quincy, " "
Randolph, First church, " "
Rockland, Plymouth County,
Sharon, Norfolk County,
South Abington, Plymouth County,
Stoughton, Norfolk Co.
Weymouth, 1st church, " "
" 2d ch., South, " "
" Landing, " "
" Union ch., South, " "
" Pilgrim ch., North, " "
" East, " "
" Lovell's Corner, " " —30.

Conference meets on the first Tuesday in May and last Tuesday in September.
Rev. George F. Stanton, South Weymouth, Scribe and Treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized September 23, 1856.

Churches:

Dartmouth, South, Bristol County,
Fairhaven, " "
Marion, Plymouth Co.
Mattapoisett, " "
Middleborough, First ch., " "
" Central ch., " "
New Bedford, First ch., Bristol Co.
New Bedford, North ch., Bristol Co.
" " Trin. ch., " "
" " Pacific ch., " "
Rochester, Centre, Plymouth County,
" North, " "
Wareham, " "
Westport, Bristol County. —14.

The churches on Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, viz. Chilmark, Edgartown, Tisbury, also group themselves with this Conference for representation.

Conference meets on the third Tuesday in April and October.
Dea. Reuben Nye, Fairhaven, Scribe.

17. Pilgrim, Organized April 27, 1830.

Churches, —all of which are in Plymouth County:

Carver, North,
Duxbury, Pilgrim church,
Halifax,
Hanover, First church,
" Second ch., Four Corners,
Hanson,
Kingston,
Marshfield, First church,
Marshfield, Second church, East,
Plymouth, Second church, South,
" Church of the Pilgrimage,
" Fourth ch., Chiltonville,
" Fifth church, "
Plympton,
Scituate, North. —15.

Conference meets on the third Thursday (and Wednesday) in April and October.
Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Plymouth, Moderator; Rev. William H. Cobb, Chiltonville, Scribe and Treasurer.

18. Suffolk North, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston, Chelsea, and Revere, in Suffolk County; the others in Middlesex County:

Arlington,
Boston, Charlestown, First church,
" Old South church,
" Salem and Mariners' church,
" Charlestown, Winthrop ch.
" East Maverick church,
" Mount Vernon church,
" Chambers Street church,
Cambridge, First church,
" Port, First church,
" East,
Cambridge, North Avenue,
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim church,
" Chapel church,
Chelsea, First church,
" Central church,
Everett,
Revere,
Somerville, First church, East,
" Broadway, Winter Hill,
" West,
" Prospect Hill. — 22.

Conference meets on the second Wednesdays in April and October.

Dea. Andrew Cushing, Boston, Moderator; S. N. Watson, 33 John Street, Boston, Secretary and Treasurer.

19. Suffolk South, Organized May 23, 1861.

Churches, — Boston in Suffolk County; the others in Norfolk County:

Boston, Dorchester, Second church,
" Union church,
" South, Phillips church,
" Dorchester, Village church,
" Highlands, Eliot church,
" West Roxbury, South Ev. ch.
" Jamaica Plain, Central ch.
" Highlands, Vine St. church,
" Neponset, Trinity church,
Boston, South, E Street church,
" Dorchester, Cottage St. ch.
" Highland church,
" Highlands, Walnut Av. ch.
" Highlands, Holland church,
Dedham, First church,
Hyde Park,
Norwood. — 17.

Conference meets on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

Rev. Albert E. Dunning, Boston Highlands, Secretary; J. Russell Bradford, Boston, Treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized November 17, 1873.

Churches:

Belmont, Waverley, Middlesex Co.
Boston, Park Street ch., Suffolk Co.
" Berkeley St. ch. " "
" church in Brighton, " "
" Central church, " "
" Shawmut church, " "
Brookline, Harvard ch., Norfolk, "
Needham, Grantville, " "
Newton, First church, Middlesex Co.
Newton, Second church, Middlesex Co.
" Eliot church, " "
" Auburndale, " "
" North church, " "
" Central church, " "
" Highlands church, " "
Waltham, " "
Watertown, Phillips ch. " "
—17.

Conference meets on the second Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. Henry J. Patrick, West Newton, Recording Secretary; Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, Watertown, Secretary of church work; C. W. Robinson, Auburndale, Treasurer.

21. Taunton and Vicinity, Organized October 2, 1849.

Churches, — all of which are in Bristol County, except as below :

Attleborough, East,
" West,
" Falls,
Berkley,
Bridgewater, Scotland parish, Plym'th County,
Dighton,
Fall River, First church,
" Central church,
" Third church,
Freetown, Assonet,
Lakeville, Plymouth Co.
Middleborough, North, Plymouth Co.
Norton,
Raynham,
Rehoboth,
Seekonk,
Somerset,
Taunton, East,
" Trin. Cong. church,
" West,
" Winslow church,
" Union church, Whittenton. — 22.

Conference meets annually on the Tuesday (and Wednesday) following the Bristol County Cattle Show.

Rev. Frederick A. Reed, East Taunton, Chairman; Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D., Taunton, Scribe.

22. Woburn, Organized December 5, 1849.

Churches, — all of which are in Middlesex County:

Bedford,
Billerica,
Burlington,
Carlisle,
Lexington,
Malden,
" Maplewood,
Medford, Mystic church,
" West,
Melrose,
North Reading,
Reading, Old South church,
" Bethesda church,
Stoneham,
Wakefield,
Wilmington,
Winchester,
Woburn, First church,
" North. — 19.

Conference meets on the last Tuesdays in April and October.

William E. Cowdrey, Wakefield, Moderator; Rev. Marshall M. Cutter, West Medford, Clerk.

23. Worcester Central, Organized April 28, 1852.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County:

Auburn,
Berlin,
Boylston,
Clinton,
Holden,
Leicester,
Oxford,
Paxton,
Princeton,
Rutland,
Shrewsbury,
Sterling,
West Boylston,
Worcester, First church,
" Calvinist Church,
" Union church,
" Salem Street church,
" Mission Chapel church,
" Plymouth church,
" Piedmont church,
" Tabernacle church, — 21.

Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following the third Monday in October.
Rev. Amos H. Coolidge, Leicester, Scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized November 24, 1827.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County, except as below:

Ashburnham, First church,
" Second church,
Athol,
Gardner,
Hubbardston,
New Salem, Franklin County,
Orange, North, " "
Petersham,
Phillipston,
Royalston, First church,
" South,
Templeton,
" Baldwinville,
Westminster,
Winchendon, First church,
" North church. — 16.

Conference meets (annual meeting) June 8 and 9; (semi-annual) October 19 and 20.
Rev. David Eastman, Moderator; Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, Clerk.

25. Worcester South, Organized June 17, 1828.

Churches, — all of which are in Worcester County:

Blackstone,
Douglas,
" East,
Grafton,
" Saundersville,
Millbury, First church,
" Second church,
Northbridge,
" Whitinsville,
Sutton,
Upton,
Uxbridge,
Webster,
Westborough. — 14.

Conference meets on October 27-28, 1875, and April 26-27, 1876.
Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, Scribe.

The only church not reported as connected with any Conference is Norfolk County, — Evangelical church in Needham.

Reported by two Conferences:
Leverett, — by Franklin and Hampshire East.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, ORGANIZED JULY 5, 1875.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Smith Baker,	'60, July 30.	'71, Dec. 5.	Lowell.	Pastor.
Charles D. Barrows,	'71, July 13.	'71, Oct. 3.	Lowell.	"
Spencer F. Beard,	'29, Jan. 14.	'59, Jan.	Andover.	Retired.
Joseph Boardman,	'61, Mar. 20.	'70, Oct. 18.	Dracut.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'70, Apr. 27.	'73, June 3.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Benjamin F. Clark,	'39, Aug. 1.	'40, June 13.	No. Chelmsford.	A. P.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'74, June 30.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Rufus C. Flagg,	'72, Sept. 26.	'73, June 3.	No. Andover.	"
Eden B. Foster, D. D.,	'41, Aug. 11.	'53, Feb.	Lowell.	"
S. Franklin French,	'64, Sept. 29.	'71, Dec. 5.	Tewksbury.	"
Thomas G. Grassie,	'63, Mar. 31.	'68, Feb. 11.	*Appleton, Wis.*	
Henry S. Greene,	'37, Dec. 27.	'55, Dec. 11.	Ballardvale.	Pastor.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	"
Charles M. Mead,	'66, Aug. 10.	'67, Oct. 9.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
James H. Merrill,	'39, Nov. 26.	'56, June 9.	Andover.	Pastor.
Selah Merrill, D. D.		'74,	Andover.	W. C.
Theodore T. Munger,	'56, Feb. 6.	'72, Feb. 6.		
William E. Park,	'67, Nov. 13.	'67, Dec. 10.	Lawrence.	Pastor.
Austin Phelps, D. D.,	'42, Mar. 30.	'66, Apr. 10.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Daniel Phillips,	'61, Feb. 20.	'71, Dec. 5.	No. Chelmsford.	
Charles Smith,	'47, Oct. 10.	'62, Apr. 8.	Andover.	Pastor.
Owen Street,	'43, Feb. 3.	'57, Dec. 8.	Lowell.	"
John L. Taylor, D. D.,	'39, July 18.	'39, Oct. 1.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Worcester Willey,	'44, Oct. 3.	'72, Oct. 15.	Andover.	W. C.

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Alison D. Adams,	'74, June 23.	M. Stuart Phelps, *Tutor*	
Robert C. Bedford,	'74, June 23.	*Yale Coll.*,	'71, June 6.
Will S. Bugbey,	'74, June 23.	William A. Rand,	'74, June 23.
Austin H. Burr,	'74, June 23.	Thomas Robinson,	'74, June 23.
James H. Childs,	'74, June 23.	C. J. H. Ropes,	'74, June 23.
John W. Colwell,	'74, June 23.	Joseph B. Seabury,	'73, June 24.
Edward D. Eaton,	'74, June 23.	John E. Smith,	'73, June 24.
Joseph E. Fiske,	'66, Dec. 11.	Charles E. Steele,	'74, June 23.
Charles E. Gordon,	'74, June 23.	Edwin C. Stickel,	'73, June 24.
Charles W. Guernsey,	'74, June 23.	Edward G. Stone,	'73, June 24.
Charles L. Hall,	'73, June 24.	Roderic Terry,	'72, June 15.
James L. Hill,	'74, June 23.	Charles L. Tomblen,	'73, June 24.
John W. Hird,	'73, June 24.	T. Franklin Waters,	'74, June 23.
John A. Kaley,	'74, June 23.	Edward P. Wheeler,	'73, June 24.
Frank J. Marsh,	'74, June 23.	S. H. Wheeler,	'74, June 23.
Robert J. Matthews,	'74, June 23.	J. D. Williamson,	'74, June 23.
David McG. Means,	'74, June 23.	Robert M. Woods,	'71, June 6.
Francis Parker,	'74, June 23.		

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, June, October, and December.

Rev. Charles D. Barrows, Lowell, Scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by Division October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward O. Bartlett,	'63, Sept. 14.	'73, June 2.	Pittsfield.	Pastor.
John Bascom, LL. D.,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	*Madison, Wis.*	Pres. Coll.
Richard S. Billings,	'55, June 6.	'72, Mar. 4.	Dalton.	Pastor.
Thomas Crowther,	'67, Aug. 6.	'72, June 3.		
J. Jay Dana,	'35, Sept. 9.	'67, June 3.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Calvin Durfee, D. D.,	'28, Apr. 23.	'55, Nov. 5.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Ephraim Flint, D. D.,	'67, Sept. 19.	'67, Dec. 2.	Hinsdale.	Pastor.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	Williamstown.	Prof Coll.
Nath'l H. Griffin, D. D.,	'39, June.	'53, May 2.	"	Coll. Lib'n.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52.	Pittsfield.	A. P.
Mark Hopkins, D.D., LL.D.,	'36, Sept. 15.	'53, May 2.	Williamstown.	Prof. Coll.
Sardis B. Morley,	'51, July 9.	'59, Oct. 31.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
Benjamin Ober,	'34, Jan. 1.	'72, June 3.	Petersham.	W. C.
Charles M. Peirce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'69, Sept. 6.	Middlefield.	Pastor.
Llewellyn Pratt,	'64, May 27.	'72, Mar. 4.	North Adams.	"
Albert C. Sewall,	'71, Oct. 13.	'73, Dec. 1.	Williamstown.	"
Charles V. Spear,	'52, Oct.	'59, Apr. 25.	Pittsfield.	Teacher.
Charles E. Stebbins,	'59, Dec. 14.	'70, Dec. 12.	South Adams.	A. P.
John Tatlock, LL. D.,	'52, Oct. 14.	'52, May 2.	Pittsfield.	Attorney.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — First Mondays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. Ephraim Flint, D. D., Hinsdale, Scribe and Treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by Division October 14, 1852.

Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'73, April 28.	Mill River.	Pastor.
Charles F. Bradley,	'69, Aug. 18.	'68, Aug. 3.	*Birmingham, Ct.*	"
George T. Dole,	'42, Oct. 6.	'65, Oct. 31.	Reading.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Eggleston	'45, Feb. 9.	'61, April 30,	*Enfield, Ct.*	"
Samuel R. Free,	'69, April 11.	'73, April 28.	Southfield.	Pastor
Nahum Gale, D. D.,	'42, June 22.	'54, April 17.	Lee.	"
Sullivan F. Gale,	'69, June 23.	'70, May 2.	New Marlboro'.	"
Edward J. Giddings,	'57, Oct. 19.	'63, Jan. 27.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Amos E. Lawrence,	'48, June 25.	'68, April 27.	Newton Centre.	"
Charles W. Mallory,	'74, June 18.	'75, April 26.	Housatonic.	Pastor.
Mason Noble, Jr.,	'69, Dec. 29.	'70, July 25.	Sheffield.	"
Charles C. C. Painter,	'63, Sept. 22.	'63, Oct. 27.	*Stafford Springs, Ct.*	"
Lewis Pennell,	'33, Sept. 17.	'55, Jan. 28.	W. Stock. Cent.	Past. ret'd.
Winthrop H. Phelps,	'48, Feb. 9.	'52, Oct. 14.	So. Egremont.	W. C.
Evarts Scudder,	'59, June 1.	'69, April 26.	Great Barrington.	Pastor.
Horace S. Shapleigh,	'69, Dec. 8.	'70, Jan. 31.		
Irem W. Smith,	'58, Aug. 18.	'74, Nov. 3.	Otis.	Pastor.
George T. Washburn,	'59, March 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	Missionary.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
William J. Bartlett, Lee, Lay Preacher,	1871, Aug. 7.
Benjamin F. Parsons.	1872, July 30.

Stated Meetings. — Last Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Mason Noble, Jr., Sheffield, Scribe, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.

4. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel J. Austin,	'57, Feb. 25.	'69, Jan. 12.	Warren.	Pastor.
Daniel J. Bliss,	'68, Dec. 9.	'69, Jan. 12.	Warren.	W. C.
William B. Bond,	'40, March 18.	'73, April 16.	New Braintree.	Pastor.
Willard D. Brown,	'70, Dec 6.	'71, April 11.	Gilbertville.	"
Josiah W. Brown,	'46, Aug. 5.	'73, July 1.	Charlton.	Farmer.
Richard B. Bull,	'55, March 13.	'71, July 6.	W. Brookfield.	W. C.
Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	'65, July 26.	'68, Oct. 13.	No. Brookfield.	Pastor.
Warren C. Fiske,	'47, May 19.	'73, July 1.	Charlton.	Farmer.
Jeremiah E. Fullerton,	'70, Sept. 8.	'74, Oct. 14.	Southbridge.	Pastor.
William M. Gay,	'63, Mar. 31.	'74, Jan. 13.	West Warren.	W. C.
John Haven,	'36, Dec. 14.	'51, June 10.	Charlton.	Pastor.
Elbridge W. Merritt,	'66, Mar. 7.	'73. April 16.	Hardwick.	"
Alpha Morton,	'44, Feb. 14.	'73, Jan. 14.	Oakham.	"
Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.	'44, Sept. 18.	'56, Jan. 1.	Ware.	"
Martin L. Richardson,	'60, Mar. 7.	'63, Sept. 13.	Sturbridge.	"
Joel M. Seymour,	'73, Oct. 8.	'74, Jan. 13.	Brookfield.	"
H. Allen Shorey,	'65, July 28.	'74, Jan. 13.	Spencer.	"
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'69, Oct. 13.	Barre.	"
William G. Tuttle,	'51, April 16.	'62, Sept. 30.	Ware.	"
William H. Wolcott,	'70, May 11.	'75, Jan. 2.	Dudley.	A. P.

Licentiates.— None.

Stated Meetings.— Second Tuesdays in January, June, and October, and first Tuesday in July.

Rev. Joel M. Seymour, Brookfield, Scribe, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.

5. Cape Cod, Organized October 16, 1866.

George P. Blanchard,	'60, May 15.	'73, Oct. 29.	*Saco, Me.*	A. P.
Emory G. Chaddock,	'60, Mar.	'74, Oct. 20.	Wellfleet.	Pastor.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	"
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'69, May 7.	Yarmouth.	"
Samuel Fairley,	'50.	'69, April 20.	Berkley.	A. P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 29.	'71, Jan. 31.	Townsend.	"
Henry A. Goodhue,	'63, May 20.	'62, Nov. 11.	West Barnstable.	Pastor.
Charles E. Harwood,	'71, June 7.	'71, Oct. 17.	Orleans.	"
William Leonard,	'44, July 7.	'71, April 18.	South Wellfleet.	A. P.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 21.	'74, Jan. 27.	Harwich Port.	"
Joseph R. Munsell,	'31, Oct. 26.	'61, April 9.	*Franklin, Vt.*	"
Edward W. Noble,	'49, Dec. 26.	'50, April 16.	Truro.	Pastor.
Frederick Oxnard,	'61, May 8.	'72, April 16.	Sandwich.	A. P.
David Perry,	'28, May.	'73, April 15.	East Falmouth.	"
William C. Reed,	'70, Feb. 9.	'70, April 19.	Beverly.	W. C.
Edwin Seabury,	'40, June 18.	'65, April 18.	*Berlin, Vt.*	A. P.
Harvey M. Stone,	'48, Nov. 2.	'65, April 11.	*Rochester, N. H.*	
Christopher J. Switzer,	'67, Jan. 10.	'67, April 16.	*Summer Hill, N. Y.*	A. P.
Josiah W. Turner,	'37, April 19.	'73, April 15.	*Cleveland, O*	
Ansel W. Westgate,	'61, Feb. 24.	'74, Oct. 20.	Provincetown.	A. P.
Charles H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.		

Licentiates.—None.

STATED MEETINGS.—Fourth Tuesday in January and third Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. Henry A. Goodhue, West Barnstable, Moderator; Rev. Charles E. Harwood, Orleans, Secretary.

6. ESSEX NORTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 8, 1761.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ephraim W. Allen,	'43, May 17.	'68, Sept. 8.	W. Haverhill.	Pastor.
Thomas R. Becher,	'73, Jan. 31.	'73, Dec. 16.	Georgetown.	W. C.
Charles Beecher,	'44, Nov. 2.	'57, Dec. 22.	Georgetown.	Sen. P.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'70, Apr. 19.	Methuen.	Pastor.
Pliny S. Boyd,	'65, Oct. 5.	'72, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	Pastor.
Randolph Campbell,	'35, Apr. 30.	'38, Feb. 28.	Newburyport.	"
John P. Cowles,	'33, June 18.	'44, Aug.	Ipswich.	Teacher.
Daniel T. Fisk, D. D.,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Omar W. Folsom,	'72, Oct. 31.	'73, Apr. 15.	Newbury.	"
Lewis Gregory,	'68, Oct. 15.	'68, Dec. 15.	W. Amesbury.	"
Charles M. Hyde, D.D.,	'62, Oct. 19.	'71, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	"
Seneca M. Keeler,	'62, July 8.	'72, Dec. 17.	W. Newbury.	"
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	"
Nathaniel Lasell,	'50, May 15.	'72, Apr. 16.	Amesbury.	W. C.
John C. Paine,	'38, June 6.	'71, Feb. 21.	Groveland.	Pastor.
Calvin E. Park,	'38, Oct. 31.	'47, Feb. 24.	W. Boxford.	Teacher.
John Pike, D. D.,	'38, Apr. 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
James Powell,	'69, Nov. 24.	'70, Feb. 15.	*Chicago, Ill.*	Sec'y.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 3.	'74, June.	Haverhill.	A. P.
Raymond H. Seeley, D.D.,	'43, July 5.	'62, Apr. 15.	Haverhill.	Pastor.
Charles R. Seymour,	'74, Oct. 8.	'74, Dec. 15.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Egbert C. Smyth, D. D.,	'56, July 22.	'67, Apr. 16.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Samuel J. Spalding, D.D.,	'46, Oct. 26.	'52, Apr. 28.	Newburyport.	Pastor.
Leonard Withington, D.D.,	'16, Oct. 31.	'17, June 10.	Newbury.	Sen. P.
Newell S. Wright,	'73, Aug. 7.	'74, Dec. 15.	Salisbury.	Pastor.

Licentiate.—Charles A. G. Thurston, Boston.

STATED MEETINGS.—Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Rev. Daniel T. Fiske, D. D., Newburyport, Moderator; Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., Newburyport, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

7. ESSEX SOUTH, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 3, 1717.

George N. Anthony,	'55, Oct. 3.	'69, June 8.	Peabody.	Pastor.
Edward S. Atwood,	'56, Oct. 23.	'64, Dec. 6.	Salem.	"
Dana Clayes,	'21, July 4.	'62, June 3.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Hugh Elder,	'64, Jan. 29.	'68, Apr. 7.	Salem.	Pastor.
James H. Fitts,	'59, Nov. 2.	'71, Dec. 5.	Topsfield.	"
Wakefield Gale,	'26, May 17.	'37, Nov. 8.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Eli W. Harrington,	'37, Apr. 26.	'64, Oct. 18.	North Beverly.	"
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'72, Dec. 2.	Hamilton.	Pastor.
Jacob Hood,	'59, Nov. 16.	'69, Apr. 7.	Lynnfield.	W. C.
George B. Jewett,	'55, May 25.	'59, Nov. 1.	Salem.	"

7. Essex South, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank D. Kelsey,	'74, July 7.	'74, Apr. 13.	Marblehead.	A. P.
William A. Lamb,	'74, Apr. 14.	'74, June 2.	Holden.	P. E.
Orph's T. Lanphear, D.D.,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	Pastor.
Charles C. McIntire,	'61, Sept. 17.	'72, Feb. 6.	Rockport.	"
Thomas Morong,	'54, Apr. 12.	'64, Apr. 10.	Ipswich.	"
Darius B. Scott,	'72, July 14.	'74, Dec. 1.	Lynnfield Centre.	"
Alexander J. Sessions,	'38, June 22.	'73, Dec. 2.	North Beverly.	A. P.
William H. Teel,	'68, Oct. 28.	'72, Feb. 6.	Lanesville.	"
Francis V. Tenney,	'45, Aug. 7.	'59, Mar. 1.	Saugus Centre.	Pastor.
J. Henry Thayer, D. D.,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Thomas Morong, Ipswich, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Robert C. Bell,	'71, Feb. 1.	'72, July.	*Darien, Ct.*	
Charles S. Brooks,	'62, Sept. 15.	'73, Feb. 11.	So. Deerfield.	Pastor.
Samuel W. Clarke,	'74, Jan. 16.	'74, Feb. 10.	Warwick.	"
Theodore J. Clark,	'42, Oct. 11.	'59, Nov 8.	Northfield.	"
Robert Crawford, D. D.,	'40, Aug. 20.	'58, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	"
Brainerd B. Cutler,	'37, Aug. 4.	'69, May 12.	Wendell.	A. P.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'74, Feb. 10.	Montague.	Pastor.
James Dingwell,	'72, Aug. 28.	'72, Nov.	Ashfield.	"
John Eastman,	'34, Aug. 13.	'72, Nov.	West Hawley.	A. P.
Charles L. Guild,	'64, Feb. 4.	'73, July.	Buckland.	"
Simon L. Hobbs,	'54, Sept.	'70, May 11.		Missionary.
Herbert R. Howes,	'70, Jan.	'75, Feb.	Turner's Falls.	A. P.
William W. Howland,	'45, Oct. 12.	'58, Feb. 10.	*Ceylon.*	Missionary.
Woodbury S. Kimball,	'67, Sept. 3.	'72, May 16.	Greenfield.	Pastor.
Edward E. Lamb,	'59, Sept. 5.	'70, Nov. 8.	Shelburne Falls.	"
Albert Livermore,	'74, Nov. 18.	'75, Feb. 10.	Miller's Falls.	
Aretas G. Loomis,	'50, Jan. 30.	'68, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	W. C.
Alfred F. Marsh,	'67, Oct. 30.	'71, May 9.	Shelburne.	Pastor.
Henry G. Marshall,	'71, Feb. 1.	'72, July 17.	Charlemont.	"
Eli Moody,	'18, Aug. 12.	'62, Aug. 19.	Montague.	W. C.
Wellington Newell,	'56, Nov. 18.	'73, July.	E. Charlemont.	Pastor.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'74, May 12.	Bernardston.	A. P.
Henry Seymour,	'43, March 1.	'43, May.	East Hawley.	A. P.
Arthur Shirley,	'72, July 3.	'73, July.	Conway.	Pastor.
David A. Strong,	'49, Mar. 21.	'49, May.	Coleraine.	"
Franke A. Warfield,	'70, Jan. 11.	'73, Nov. 11.	Greenfield.	"

Licentiate. — George F. Dickinson, approbated Nov. 18, 1874.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Greenfield, Scribe; Rev. David A. Strong, Coleraine, Treasurer.

9. Hampden East, Organized June 12, 1844.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*India.*	Missionary.
S. G. Buckingham, D.D.,	'37, May 24.	'47, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	Pastor.
E. Benedict Clark,	'39, Oct. 16.	'44, June 12.	Chicopee.	"
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	"
Chester L. Cushman,	'56, Nov. 20.	'68, July 1.	Phillipston.	"
Albert I. Dutton,	'63, Nov. 11.	'70, Feb. 8.	E. Longmeadow.	"
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'68, July 1.	Palmer Depot.	"
Richard G. Greene,	'56, June 25.	'66, July 17.	*Orange, N. J.*	
Charles Hammond,	'55, Oct. 9.	'64, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
John W. Harding,	'50, Jan. 1.	51, Feb. 4.	Longmeadow.	Pastor.
Allen Hazen, D. D.,	'46, July 1.	61, July 12.	*India.*	Missionary.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	Pastor.
Richard Knight,	'37, May 6.	57, July 16.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'69, July 6.		
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'71, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	Pastor.
Milan C. Stebbins,	'64, Oct. 25,	'66, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Charles B. Sumner,	'68, Jan. 2.	'68, Feb. 4.	Monson.	Pastor.
Joshua T. Tucker, D. D.,	'37, Nov. 16.	'68, May 5.	Chicopee Falls.	"
James Tufts,	'44, Sept.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.

Licentiate. — William E. Boies, unlimited ; approbated, 1860, May 1.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. E. Benedict Clark, Chicopee, Register and Statistical Scribe.

10. Hampden West, Organized June 12, 1844.

Lyman D. Calkins,	'73, Dec. 10.	'74, Feb. 10.	W. Springfield.	Pastor.
Henry Cooley,	'46, Dec. 2.	'67, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Theodore L. Day,	'72, Dec. 18.	'73, Nov. 11.		
[James C. Greenough,	*Not ordained.*	'68, Feb. 11.	*Providence, R. I.*]	
Henry M. Grout,	'58, Sept. 1.	'68, Feb. 11.	Concord.	A. P.
Henry Hopkins,	'61, Sept. 23.	'67, Feb. 12.	Westfield.	Pastor.
Theodore A. Leete,	'45, Sept. 24.	'67, Feb. 12.	Palmer.	A. P.
Simeon Miller,	'46, May 7.	'46, June 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry H. Olds,	'72, May 22.	'73, May 13.		
Cyrus M. Perry,	'65, Mar. 28.	'73, Nov. 11.	Southwick.	A. P.
Ralph Perry,	'44, Jan. 3.	'44, June 11.	Agawam.	Pastor.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'75, Feb. 9.	W. Springfield.	"
Nelson Scott,	'46, Sept. 24.	'72, Feb. 14.	East Granville.	"
Charles S. Sylvester,	'57, Oct. 20.	'66, Sept. 4.	Feeding Hills.	A. P.
Adoniram J. Titsworth,	'73, June 4.	'73, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	Pastor.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'68, Feb. 11.	Holyoke.	"
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'75, Feb. 9.	Holyoke.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in February, May, July, and November.

Rev. Ralph Perry, Agawam, Register and Statistical Scribe

11. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Marshall B. Angier,	'53, June 8.	'69, Oct. 20.	Ipswich.	Pastor.
John H. Bisbee,	'34, Feb. 20.	'37, Feb. 7.	Huntington.	"
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'39, Aug. 6.	Plainfield.	A. P.
Edward Clarke,	'39, Apr. 12.	'61, Feb. 5.	Chesterfield.	W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	Pastor.
Aaron M. Colton,	'40, June 10.	'54, May 24.	Easthampton.	"
Ezekiel Dow,	'45, Feb. 11.	'71, Feb. 7.	Becket.	A. P.
Edward S. Fitz,	'74, May 20.	'74, Oct. 20.	Southampton.	Pastor.
William A. Fobes,	'55, Nov. 8.	'75, Feb. 2.	Chesterfield.	A. P.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'73, Feb. 4.	Williamsburg.	Pastor.
Gordon Hall, D. D.,	'48, Oct. 25.	'53, May 3.	Northampton.	"
George Juchau,	'69, Mar. 3.	'74, Oct. 20.	Goshen.	A. P
James P. Kimball,	'57, May 12.	'71, Feb. 7.	Haydenville.	Pastor.
Joseph Lanman,	'68, June 2.	'74, June 2.	Westhampton.	"
William S. Leavitt,	'45, Dec.	'67, May 28.	Northampton.	"
Ephraim Lyman,	'35, Oct. 28.	'64, Oct. 26.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	
David S. Morgan,	'67, June 26.	'68, Oct. 20.	*Montello, Wis.*	
Ozias S. Morris,	'48, June 9.	'74, June 2.	W. Cummington.	A. P.
Samuel T. Seelye, D. D.,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	Pastor.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'73, Oct. 21.	Huntington.	

Licentiate. — Joseph H. Sawyer, Easthampton, approbated 1872, June 5.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. James P. Kimball, Haydenville, Scribe and Treasurer.

12. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Rowland Ayres,	'48, Jan. 12.	'48, Feb. 8.	Hadley.	Pastor.
Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'73, Dec. 16.	North Hadley,	Pastor.
Henry B. Blake,	'45, Jan. 1.	'56, Feb. 12.	*Wilmington, N. C.*	Ed. Spt.
Daniel Bliss, D. D.,	'55, Oct. 18.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut.*	Pres. Coll.
Edward P. Blodgett,	'43, July 6.	'43, Nov. 14.	Greenwich.	Pastor.
Asa F. Clark,	'42, Feb. 15.	'75, Feb. 9.	Leverett.	A. P.
Charles A. Conant,	'64, June 2.	'72, Dec. 3.	East Amherst.	A. P.
[Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
R. Henry Davis,	'72, Nov. 12.	'75, June 8.	Granby.	Pastor.
Edw'd S. Dwight, D. D.,	'44, Dec. 25.	'54, May 9.	Hadley.	Pastor.
David Eastman,	'40, Feb. 12.	'41, Nov. 16.	New Salem.	A. P.
Rufus Emerson,	'63, Jan. 7.	'72, June 4.	Dracut.	A. P.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'67, Dec. 17.	Enfield.	Pastor.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	So. Hadley Falls.	"
Dana Goodsell,	'34, May 1.	'41, Nov. 16.	*Philadelphia, Pa.*	W. C.
John R. Herrick, D. D.,	'54, June 21.	'74, June 9.	So. Hadley.	Pastor.
George F. Humphreys,	'75, Jan. 7.	'75, Feb. 9.	No. Amherst.	"
Jonathan L. Jenkins,	'55, Oct. 17.	'69, Feb. 5.	Amherst.	"
Henry G. Jesup,	'54, Apr. 26.	'66, Dec. 18.	Amherst.	W. C.
Matthew Kingman, D.D.,	'45, June 26.	'67, June 17.	Amherst.	"
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 17.	'61, Jan. 9.	Whately.	Pastor.

12. HAMPSHIRE EAST, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'66, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	W. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	Amherst.	"
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'71, Sept. 19.	Belchertown.	Pastor.
[Richard H. Mather,	*Licentiate.*	'69, Feb. 9.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Robert McEwen, D. D.,	'33, Oct. 10.	'42, Nov. 9.	*New London, Ct.*	W. C.
[Frederick B. Pullan,	*Licentiate.*	'75, June 8.	Amherst.	A. P.
Julius H. Seelye, D. D.,	'53, Aug. 8.	'65, Feb. 8.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Wm. A. Stearns, D.D., LL.D.,	'31, Dec. 14.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	Pres. Coll.
Chauncey B. Thomas,	'62, Jan. 28.	'75, Feb. 9.	Amherst.	W. C.
William Tyler,	'10, Feb. 24.	'41, Nov. 16.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William S. Tyler, D. D.,	'59, Oct. 5.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	Prof. Col.
William K. Vaill,	'66, Feb. 21.	'71, Sept. 19.	Packardville.	Pastor.
Aaron Warner, D. D.,	'23, Sept. 25.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Henry W. Blake, approbated 1873, June 3; William L. Montague, Prof., Amherst, re-l., 1873, Feb. 4.

STATED MEETINGS. — Tuesdays next after the first Sabbaths in February and June, and Tuesdays next after the third Sabbaths in September and December.

Rev. George E. Fisher, South Hadley Falls, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

13. MENDON, ORGANIZED NOV. 8, 1751.

Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	Medfield.	A. P.
Sewall Harding,	'21, Jan. 17.	'43, Oct. 17.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	Pastor.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide, D. D.,	'14, Nov. 2.	'15, May 16.	West Medway.	Pastor.
Jacob Ide, Jr.,	'56, Mar. 26.	'56, April 15.	Mansfield.	"
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	East Medway.	"
S. C. Kendall,	'54, Mar. 29.	'69, Mar. 9.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Caleb Kimball,	'32.	'54, Jan. 10.	Medway Village.	Disabled.
Bernard Paine,	'67, June 1.	'73, Sept. 9.	Foxborough.	A. P.
Daniel J. Poor,	'40, Mar. 11.	'40, April 28.	*Leamington, Ill.*	
Merrill Richardson, D.D.,	'41, Oct. 28.	'74, Mar. 10.	Milford.	Pastor.
Jacob Roberts,	'39, July 17.	'58, Oct. 12.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian Theol. Seminary.
David Sanford,	'28, May 22.	'38, April 30.	Medway Village.	Pastor.
S. Willard Segur,	'62, May 28.	'73, June 10.	West Medway.	"
Bela N. Seymour,	'55, June 20.	'73, Sept. 9.	*New Ipswich, N. H.*	
William M. Thayer,	'49, June 20.	'72, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	Sec. Mass. Temp. Alliance.
William R. Tompkins,	'56, Oct. 9.	'68, Dec. 8.	Wrentham.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson, East Medway, Moderator; Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, Scribe.

14. Middlesex South, Organized June 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Dec. 9.	Holliston.	Pastor.
David M. Bean,	'63, July 22.	'73, Dec. 9.	So. Framingham.	"
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	"
Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 5.	Framingham.	"
Samuel D. Hosmer,	'56, Nov. 11.	'73, Sept. 16.	South Natick.	A. P.
George H. Ide,	'69, Oct. 28.	'70, April 5.	Hopkinton.	Pastor.
Charles Jones,	'35, Jan. 15.	'70, Oct. 4.	Saxonville.	"
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'69, Oct. 5.	No. Abington.	A. P.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'73, Dec. 9.	Wayland.	Pastor.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Natick.	"
George G. Phipps,	'63, Jan. 23.	'66, April 3.	Wellesley.	"
Henry J. Richardson,	'60, Sept. 6.	'61, April 2.	Lincoln.	"
Josiah H. Temple,	'45, Sept. 30.	'70, July 5.	Framingham.	W. C.
Daniel Wight,	'42, Sept. 58.	'72, June 4.	Natick.	"
John Willard,	'55, Jan. 25.	'74, Sept. 15.	Marlboro'.	Pastor.
John Wood,	'40, April 8.	'71, Dec. 5.	Acton.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and May, third Tuesday in September, and first Tuesday in December.

Rev. Lucius R. Eastman, Jr., Framingham, Moderator; Rev. George H. Ide, Hopkinton, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

15. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Franklin D. Austin,	'53, June 23.	'73, Nov. 11.	Dunstable.	A. P.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'66, Nov. 7.	Leominster.	W. C.
Henry E. Cooley,	'66, Aug. 7.	'72, Sept. 2.	No. Leominster.	Pastor.
Elnathan Davis,	'36, Nov. 7.	'64, Sept. 6.	Auburn.	A. P.
Alfred Emerson,	'45, Oct. 15.	'56, July 6.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'73, Jan. 7.	Paxton.	A. P.
Robert W. Fuller,	'41, June 10.	'61, Jan. 1.	Stow.	W. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 11.	'72, Sept. 3.	Westford.	Pastor
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'59, May 3.	Westford.	W. C.
John C. Hutchinson,	'59, Dec. 20.	'64, Mar. 1.	Cummington.	
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Henry A. Lounsbury,	'56, Feb. 15.	'70, May 10.	*In Europe.*	
Leonard Luce,	'29, April 8.	'29, July 21.	Westford.	W. C.
William A. Mandell,	'42, April 2.	'56, Jan. 1.	Cambridge.	Life Ins. Agt.
George N. Marden,	'62, Oct. 9.	'63, May 5.	*Farmington, Me.*	Pastor.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Teacher.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	Ayer.	A. P.
William W. Parker,	'58, Dec. 28.	'66, Jan. 2.	West Boylston.	A. P.
George H. Pratt,	'66, Oct. 11.	'66, Nov. 7.	*Seabrook, N. H.*	"
Leverett W. Spring,	'63, Apr. 16.	'63, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	Pastor.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'73, May 6.	Fitchburg.	"
George Williams,	'65, Oct. 25.	'69, Jan. 5.	*Janesville, Wis.*	Pastor.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	"

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman, Westford, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

16. Norfolk, Organized May 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'68, Apr. 28.	Groton.	
L. Wheaton Allen,	'69, Oct. 13.	'71, Jan. 30.	*Greeley, Col.*	
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'73, July 29.	Braintree.	W. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, Apr. 22.	'69, Apr. 27.	Beverly.	"
Franklin P. Chapin,	'57, Nov. 17.	'74, Jan. 27.	N. Weymouth.	Pastor.
William M. Cornell, M. D., D. D., LL. D.,	'30, Jan. 12.	'72, Apr. 20.	Boston.	Editor.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Nov. 9.	'71, Apr. 25.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Benjamin Dodge,	'48, Oct. 10.	'67, Jan. 29.	Wollaston Heights.	Insurance Agent.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'37, Nov. 24.	'38, Jan. 30.	Boston.	Evangelist.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'58, Oct. 26.	Northampton.	Supt. Sch.
Thomas A. Emerson,	'69, Nov. 25.	'75, Jan. 26.	Braintree.	Pastor.
Joshua Emery,	'35, May 15.	'38, Jan. 30.	No. Weymouth.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'72, July 30.	Abington.	Pastor.
Austin S. Garver,	'72, Oct. 31.	'74, Apr. 27.	Hingham.	"
Joseph C. Halliday,	'64, June 8.	'74, Apr. 27.	E. Weymouth.	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	'66, May 24.	'67, Jan. 29.	*St. Johnsbury, Vt.*	
John C. Labaree,	'63, Feb. 4.	'66, July 31.	Randolph.	Pastor.
Elbridge P. McElroy,	'71, Oct. 25.	'72, Jan. 30.	East Weymouth.	W. C.
James McLean,	'59, Aug. 30.	'72, July 30.	So. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Robert G. S. McNeille,	'70, May 16.	'73, Apr. 29.	Brockton.	"
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	"
Thomas S. Norton,	'46, Feb. 4.	'75, Apr. 27.		
Lebbeus R. Phillips,	'41, July 29.	'41, Oct. 26.	Groton.	Farmer.
Samuel L. Rockwood,	'40, Mar. 11.	'40, July 28.	No. Weymouth.	A. P.
Ezekiel Russell, D. D.,	'36, June 22.	'51, Jan. 28.	Holbrook.	W. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'70, Feb. 25.	'71, Oct. 31.	West Medford.	"
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'71, July 25.	So. Weymouth.	Pastor.
Henry A. Stevens,	'61, Sept. 12.	'72, Jan. 30.	Brighton.	"
Moody A. Stevens,	'61, Dec. 9.	'71, Oct. 31.	Cohasset.	"
Albert K. Teele,	'54, July 15.	'52, Apr. 27.	Milton.	"
John Thomson,	'63, Sept. 23.	'73, Apr. 29.	South Abington.	"
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'72, July 30.	North Weymouth.	"
Daniel W. Waldron,	'67, Apr. 3.	'68, Oct. 27.	Boston.	City Miss'y.
Horace D. Walker,	'44, Feb. 15.	'45, Jan. 28.	Bridgewater.	Pastor.
Henry C. Weston,	'69, Oct. 13.	'74, Oct. 27.	Sharon.	"
Thomas Wilson,	'48, Mar. 1.	'56, Apr. 29.	Stoughton.	"
Charles W. Wood,	'39, Oct. 29.	'58, Apr. 27.	Campello.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Austin S. Garver, Hingham, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

17. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Daniel C. Burt,	'35, July 1.	'35, July 28.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Nathaniel Cobb,	'27, Oct. 31.	'51, April 30.	Kingston.	Evangelist.
[Tristram R. Dennison,	*Not ordained.*	'72, June 11.	New Bedford.	City Miss'y.

17. Old Colony,— *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry M. Dexter, D.D.,	'44, Nov. 6.	'74, Feb. 17.	New Bedford.	Editor of *Congregationalist.*
William B. Hammond,	'44, June 5.	'70, Dec. 20.	Acushnet.	Pastor.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	'68, Nov. 12.	'73, July 1.	Fairhaven.	Pastor.
Charles A. Kingsbury,	'72, Nov. 14.	'72, June 11.	Marion.	"
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'66, Feb. 20.	So. Dartmouth.	"
John M Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'65, Dec. 19.	Rockland.	W. C.
Alonzo H. Quint, D. D.,	'53, Dec. 27.	'64, July 20.	New Bedford.	Pastor.
Edward G. Smith,	'71, April 13.	'73, July 1.	Essex.	P. E.
Isaiah C. Thacher,	'44, Dec. 25.	45, April 29.	Wareham.	Pastor.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — Third Wednesdays in February, June, August, and December, and third Tuesdays in April and October.

Rev. Charles A. Kingsbury, Marion, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

18. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

James Aiken,	'43, Aug. 30.	'59, Aug. 16.	Charlestown.	A. P.
Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	'43, Nov. 5.	'58, May 18.	Marshfield.	Pastor.
Cyrus W. Allen,	'33, Oct. 6.	'71, May 16.	Hanover.	A. P.
David Bremner,	'55, May 2.	'66, May 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
David Brigham,	'19, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	South Plymouth.	A. P.
William H. Cobb,	'72, Sept. 18.	'73, Feb. 18.	Chiltonville.	Pastor.
Sam'l W. Cozzens, D.D.,	'32, Aug. 8.	'70, Aug. 16.	Medfield.	W. C.
Ebenezer Gay,	'18. Jan. 7.	'64, Feb. 16.	Bridgewater.	Chap.
Wm. W. Livingston,	'60, April 27.	'73, Aug. 19.	North Carver.	Pastor.
William W. Lyle,	'50, Sept. 1.	'74, May 19.	Duxbury.	"
Joseph Peckham,	'42, Nov. 30.	'42, Nov. 30.	Kingston,	A. P.
Baalis Sanford,	'27, Oct. 4.	'27, Oct. 4.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.
Enoch Sanford,	'23, Oct. 2.	'58, Nov. 30.	Raynham.	"
Benjamin Southworth,	'59, Feb. 24.	'61, Feb. 19.	*Wells, Me.*	
Timothy D. P. Stone,	'43, Mar. 4.	'72. Feb. 20.	Hanover.	A. P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'70, May 17.	Plymouth.	Pastor.
Philip Titcomb,	'49, Apr. 7.	'69, May 18.	Plympton.	A. P.

Licentiates. — None.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Plymouth, Moderator; Rev. Ebenezer Alden, Jr., Marshfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

19. Salem, Organized October 15, 1840.

Milton P. Braman, D.D.,	'26, April 12.	'50, Oct. 15.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Levi Brigham,	'37, Mar. 15.	'50, Oct. 29.	*Troy, N. H.*	
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'66, Sept. 3.	*Calais, Me.*	Pastor.
Alexander C. Childs,	'53, May 18.	'67, Nov. 12.	*W. Charleston, Vt.*	
William S. Coggin,	'38, May 9.	'50, Oct. 15.	Boxford.	W. C.
Albert H. Currier,	'62, Dec. 3.	'65, Mar. 6.	Lynn.	Pastor.
Stephen R. Dennen, D.D.,	'55, July 11.	'73, Mar. 11.	*New Haven, Ct.*	

19. SALEM, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James H. Fitts,	'59, Nov. 2.	'71, July 11.	Topsfield.	Pastor.
Lucien H. Frary,	'69, Oct. 7.	'70, Mar. 8.	Weymouth.	"
Benson M. Frink,	'62, Jan. 9.	'74, Jan. 13.	Beverly.	"
Sereno D. Gammell,	'63, Sept. 9.	'68, Nov. 10.	Boxford.	"
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'69, July 13,	Manchester.	"
Francis Homes,	'54, Oct. 29.	'66, May 1.	Easton.	Farmer.
Henry W. Jones,	'66, May 24.	'71, Nov. 14.	*St. Johnsbury, Vt.*	
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 3.	'70, Jan. 16.	Rowley.	Pastor.
Edwd. A. Lawrence, D.D.,	'39, May 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Marblehead.	W. C.
Anson McLoud,	'41, Dec. 8.	'50, Oct. 15.	Topsfield.	"
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'73, Sept. 9.	Gloucester.	Pastor.
D. Dana Marsh,	'68, Sept. 16.	'69, Mar. 9.	Georgetown.	"
D. Allen Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'70, Nov. 1.	Essex.	W. C.
Hiram B. Putnam,	'68, Oct. 28.	'74, Nov. 10.	Salem.	Pastor.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	"
John S. Sewall,	'59, Apr. 20.	'59, Apr. 12.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'55, May 8.	*Brunswick, Me.*	"
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'62, Mar. 7.	Barre.	Pastor.
William A. Spaulding,	'70, Aug. 4.	'75, Jan. 12.	Lynn.	"
Edward P. Tenney,	'59, Oct. 19.	'65, May 2.	Ashland.	A. P.
Jas. M. Whiton, PH. D.,	'65, May 10.	'65, Nov. 7.	Lynn.	W. C.
John H. Williams,	'73, Sept. 3.	'75, Jan. 12.	Marblehead.	Pastor.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	"

Licentiate. — Washington Choate, Essex, March 9, 1875.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, Gloucester, Scribe.

20. SUFFOLK NORTH, ORGANIZED JULY 2, 1822.

Edward Abbott,	'63, July 28.	'65, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	Ed. *Cong.*
George E. Allen,	'58, May 20.	'58, Sept. 28.	East Somerville.	W. C.
Marcus Ames,	'54, June 28.	'61, June 18.	Lancaster.	W. C.
Rufus Anderson, D. D.,	'26, May 10.	'27, Dec. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Abijah R. Baker, D. D.,	'38, Apr. 23.	'38, Aug. 29.	Dorchester.	"
William Barrows, D. D.,	'45, Sept. 4.	'50, Sept. 23.	Reading.	Sec. Mass. Home Miss. Soc.
Charles C. Beaman,	'39, June 25.	'68, Apr. 21.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Geo. W. Blagden, D. D.,	'27, Dec. 25.	'28, Oct. 28.	Boston.	"
John K. Browne,	'72, Oct. 16.	'73, Feb. 18.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Apr. 23.	'59, Oct. 19.	Everett.	W. C.
Asa Bullard,	'32, Jan. 13.	'35, Oct. 27.	Cambridgeport.	Hon. Sec'y. Cong. Pub. Soc.
William Bushnell, M. D.,	'32, Aug. 8.	'42, Dec. 27.	Boston.	Physician.
N. George Clark, D. D.,	'57, Oct.	'66, June 19.	West Roxbury.	Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.
Dorus Clarke, D. D.,	'23, Feb. 23.	'42, Oct. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Christopher Cushing, D. D.,	'40, Feb. 7.	'68, June 9.	Cambridge.	Sec. Am. Cong. Union.

20. SUFFOLK NORTH, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Francis F. Ford,	'57, Oct. 5.	'73, Feb. 18.		
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'73, Dec. 16.	Chelsea.	Pastor.
Stedman W. Hanks,	'40, Mar. 20.	'70, Sept. 20.	Cambridge.	Sec. Sea. Friend Soc.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'44, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	A. P.
Samuel E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	Pastor.
William S. Hubbell,	'68, Jan. 30.	'72, Dec. 17.	East Somerville.	"
William S. Karr,	'54, Sept. 26.	'73, Feb. 18.	Cambridgeport.	"
Isaac P. Langworthy,	'41, Nov. 10.	'42, Oct. 25.	Chelsea.	Sec. Am. Cong. Ass'n.
George R. Leavitt,	'65, Mar. 29.	'70, Sept. 20.	Cambridgeport.	Pastor.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, Apr. 16.	Cambridge.	"
Jacob M. Manning, D.D.,	'54, Jan. 3.	'74, Apr. 21.	Boston.	"
David O. Mears,	'67, Oct. 2.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Cambridge.	"
James B. Miles, D. D.,	'55, Jan. 2.	'56, Feb. 26.	Boston.	Sec. Am. Peace Soc.
Ebenezer Newhall,	23, Dec. 17,	'66, Apr. 17.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'59, Feb. 22.	Boston Highlands.	Pastor.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	"
Francis G. Pratt,	'49, Oct. 19.	'50, Feb. 26.	Middleborough.	W. C.
Theophilus P. Sawin,	'43, Apr. 19.	'70, Apr. 19.	Middleborough.	A. P
George R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'74, Feb. 17.	Boston.	A. P.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'74, Apr. 21.	Charlestown.	Chaplain State Prison.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	Haverhill.	W. C.
Edward P. Thwing,	'58, Sept. 22.	'68, Apr. 21.	*Portland, Me.*	
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'72, Oct. 15.	Charlestown.	Pastor.

Licentiates.	Approbated.
Edward C. Ingalls,	1873, June 10.
Daniel W. Kilburn,	1872, Feb. 20.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, September, October, and December.

Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

21. SUFFOLK SOUTH, ORGANIZED JANUARY 27, 1829.

Frederic R. Abbe,	'57, Sept. 3.	'73, May 13.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Nehemiah Adams, D.D.,	'39, Dec. 17.	'35, Jan. 6.	Boston.	Pastor.
Edmund K. Alden, D.D.	'50, Jan. 2.	'60, Jan. 3.	South Boston.	"
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'63, May 19.	Norwood.	A. P.
Daniel R. Cady, D. D.,	'45, Oct. 27.	'57, Nov. 3.	Arlington.	Pastor.
Joseph B. Clark,	'61, Oct. 10.	'73, Nov. 11.	Jamaica Plain.	"
William B. Clarke,	'55, May 4.	'71, Oct. 31.	*Norwich, Ct.*	
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Hyde Park.	Pastor.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Boston Highlands.	"
Jonathan Edwards,	'48, Sept. 7.	'63, May 19.		
William B. Greene,	'55, Nov. 15.	'61, Nov. 15.	Scituate.	A. P.
B. Frank Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Boston Highlands.	Pastor.
Frederick A. Hand,	'73, Dec. 10.	'74, Sept. 9.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Henry B. Hooker, D. D.,	'25, Oct. 10.	'58, Nov. 9.	Boston.	Sec.
Benj. Labaree, D. D.,	'31, Sept. 26.	'71, May 2.	West Roxbury.	W. C.

21. SUFFOLK SOUTH, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James H. Means, D. D.,	'48, July 13,	'68, Jan. 7.	Dorchester.	Pastor.
John O. Means, D. D.,	'51, Dec. 3.	'57, Oct. 6.	Boston Highlands.	Pastor. and Sec.
Charles L. Mills,	'38, Oct. 1.	'68, Mar. 3.	Jamaica Plain.	A. P.
Myron A. Munson,	'66, May 31.	'74, Nov. 13.	Neponset.	"
Henry M. Parsons,	'54, Nov. 15.	'71, Mar. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.
Francis B. Perkins,	'60, Feb. 15.	'65, Jan. 3.	Grantville.	Dis. Sec. Am. Tract Soc.
Edward A. Rand,	'65, Mar. 2.	'67, Nov. 12.	South Boston.	Pastor.
Edward Strong, D. D.,	'42, Dec. 14.	'72, Nov. 12.	West Roxbury.	"
Aug. C. Thompson, D.D.,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Boston Highlands.	"
Selah B. Treat,	'36, Mar. 24.	'44, Mar. 5.	Boston.	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Guy Van de Kreeke,	'73, Feb. 20.	'73, May, 13.	Boston Highlands.	Pastor.

Licentiate. — F. E. Marsten, approbated 1874, September 9.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Rev. B. Frank Hamilton, Boston Highlands, Scribe and Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

22. SUFFOLK WEST, ORGANIZED JANUARY 8, 1867.

Daniel Butler,	'38, Oct. 13.	'68, Apr. 7.	Waverley.	Sec. Mass. Bible Society.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	Pastor.
Samuel H. Dana,	'72, Oct. 9.	'72, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	"
James R. Danforth,	'68, Jan. 2.	'73, Apr. 8.	*Philadelphia, Pa.*	"
John DeWitt,	'65, June 9.	'70, Feb. 22.	Boston.	"
John L. Ewell,	'71, May 4.	'75, Feb. 8.	Waverley.	"
Daniel L. Furber, D. D.,	'47, Dec. 1.	'67, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	"
John L. Harris,	'60, Sept. 20.	'74, Dec. 8.	Grantville.	"
James M. Hubbard,	'62, July 23.	'69, Apr. 13.	West Somerville.	A. P.
Samuel E. Lowry,	'67, Feb. 21.	'69, Oct. 12.	No. Vill., Newton.	Pastor.
Daniel P. Noyes,	'49. Apr. 18.	'67, Feb. 6.	Newburyport.	W. C.
David T. Packard,	'54, Sept. 21.	'67, Apr. 2.	*Los Angeles, Cal.*	
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	West Newton.	Pastor.
William S. Smith,	'54, Apr. 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Elnathan E. Strong,	'59, Apr. 10	'67, Apr. 8.	Waltham.	Pastor.
Increase N. Tarbox, D.D.,	'42, Nov. 22.	'67, Apr. 2.	West Newton.	Sec. Am. Ed. Society.
John E. Todd,	'60, Feb. 2.	'67, Apr. 2.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Pastor.
Josiah W. Turner,	'37, Apr. 19.	'69, Dec. 21.	*Cleveland, O.*	W. C.
Israel P. Warren, D. D.,	'42, Apr. 20.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Edwin B. Webb, D. D.,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Boston.	Pastor.
[John Whitney, *Presb'n*,	'34, Oct. 15.	'74, Feb. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin P. Wilson,	'71, Jan. 26.	'72, Dec. 10.	Watertown.	Pastor.
Charles L. Woodworth,	'49, Nov. 7.	'71, Oct. 10.	Watertown.	Sec. Am. Miss. Asso.
William B. Wright,	'62, Dec. 2.	'68, Apr. 7.	Boston.	Pastor.

Nov. 21, 1872, Mr. Harrison Prescott, of Newton Centre, was unanimously approved by the Association "as a Lay Preacher and Helper," and in this capacity commended to the churches.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin Cutler, Auburndale, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

23. TAUNTON, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Wm. W. Adams, D. D.,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	Pastor.
Samuel Bell,	'69, Sept. 1.	'73, Apr. 9.	Attleborough.	"
Mortimer Blake, D. D.,	'39, Dec. 24.	'56, July 29.	Taunton.	"
Michael Burnham,	'70, Oct. 25.	'71, Jan. 11.	Fall River.	"
Nelson Clark,	'44, July 16.	'69, Nov. 10.		
Leander S. Coan,	'63, June 18.	'72, Nov. 7.	*Alton, N. H.*	A. P.
William H. Cutler,	'65, Dec. 20.	'73, Jan. 11.	East Marshfield.	"
Ebenezer Dawes,	'64, Sept. 8.	'60, Nov. 20.	Dighton.	"
H. Morton Dexter,	'73, Apr. 30.	'73, Nov. 11.	Whittenton.	Pastor.
Ellis R. Drake,	'68, Nov. 10.	'73, Apr. 9.	Middleborough.	"
Samuel H. Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'74, Nov. 18.	N. Middleborough.	A. P.
John W. Haley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'69, Nov. 10.	Tyngsborough.	"
Ephraim N. Hidden,	'41, Sept. 1.	'74, Jan. 13.	Edgartown.	
Hartford P. Leonard,	'63, June 23.	'66, Mar. 27.	Taunton.	Agent.
Erastus Maltby,	'24, Sept. 29.	'26, Nov. 21.	Taunton.	Pastor.
Asa Mann,	'44, June 19.	'74, Nov. 18.	Raynham.	"
Stephen M. Newman,	'71, Oct. 17.	'73, Jan. 11.	Taunton.	"
Frederick A. Reed,	'48, Mar. 9.	'68, Apr. 21.	East Taunton.	A. P.
Thomas T. Richmond,	'32, July 17.	'61, Mar. 26.	West Taunton.	Pastor.
Augustine Root,	'58, May 20.	'73, Nov. 11.	Taunton.	W. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	West Attleboro'.	A. P.

Licentiate. — William C. Peckham, Brooklyn, L. I., approbated 1873, January 11.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays (and Wednesdays) in January, April, and November.

Rev. Stephen M. Newman, Taunton, Moderator; Rev. Michael Burnham, Fall River, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

24. WOBURN, ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER, 1833.

Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept.	No. Woburn.	Pastor.
Albert G. Bale,	'68, Sept. 4.	'69, Jan. 25.	Melrose.	"
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, April 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	"
Elias Chapman,	'45, Oct. 6.	'69, April 21.	Boston Highlands.	W. C.
Edward Chase,	'63, Jan. 8.	'70, Nov. 15.	*Portland, Me.*	
John W. Chickering, D.D.,	'30, June 6.	'67, Oct. 15.	Wakefield.	Sec. S. T. U.
Solon Cobb,	'64, Oct. 11.	'72, Jan. 16.	New Bedford.	A. P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	West Medford.	Pastor.
William H. Dowden,	'63, Nov. 5.	'66, Jan. 16.	*East Jaffrey, N. H.*	
Henry M. Grout,	'58, Sept. 1.	'73, July 15.	Concord.	A. P.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Billerica.	Pastor.
Webster Hazlewood,	'69, May 5.	'72, Nov. 16.	Everett.	"
Edward P. Hooker,	'61, Nov. 13.	'62, May 20.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	
Edwin L. Jaggar,	'62, Mar. 17.	'73, Mar. 18.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Henry S. Kelsey,	'63, Oct. 28.	'73, May 20.	Woburn.	Pastor.
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'73, Jan. 21.	No. Reading.	"
Robert F. Lawrence,	'34, Jan. 29.	'69, Nov. 16.	Malden.	W. C.

24. WOBURN, — *Continued.*

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George Lewis,	'65, Dec. 12.	'66, July 17.	*Gorham, Me.*	
S. Sherberne Mathews,	'74, Oct. 23.	'74, Nov. 17.	Wilmington.	Pastor.
Moses Patten,	'60, June 7.	'70, Nov. 15.	Carlisle.	"
William H. Pierson,	'68, June 1.	'73, May 20.	No. Somerville.	"
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'71, May 19.	Groton.	P. E.
Henry A. Stevens,	'61, Sept. 12.	'61, Nov. 19.	Brighton.	Pastor
Leander Thompson,	'38, Nov. 30.	'71, Sept. 19.	No. Woburn.	W. C.
William A. Thompson,	'68, Sept. 20.	'72, Mar. 19.	Reading.	Pastor.
[Chas. A. G. Thurston,	*Licentiate.*	'73, Mar. 18.	Boston.	W. C.
Joshua W. Wellman, D.D.	'51, June 18.	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	Pastor.
William H. Willcox,	'51, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Reading.	"
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Somerville.	"

Licentiates.	Approbated.	Licentiates.	Approbated.
Joshua Buffum,	1862, March 18.	Edward P. Smith,	1872, January 16.
Charles Manning,	1866, April 7.		

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, June, September, and November.

Rev. Albert G. Bale, Melrose, Scribe, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer.

25. WORCESTER CENTRAL, ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 4, 1823.

Samuel S. Ashley,	'49, Aug. 1.	'52, Nov. 3.	*New Orleans, La.*	
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19,	'71, Feb. 3.	Oxford.	
Andrew Bigelow, D. D.,	'41, Aug. 25.	'69, May 4.	Southborough.	W. C.
Willard Child, D. D.,	'27, April 25.	'64, Nov. 14.	*Crown Pt., N. Y.*	
De Witt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'69, May 4.	Clinton.	Pastor.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Leicester.	"
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Henry Cummings,	'51, July 16.	'67, Feb. 4.	Rutland.	
Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.,	'50, Mar. 6.	'56, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	Pastor.
E. Porter Dyer,	'39, Sept. 25.	'70.	Shrewsbury.	"
Stacy Fowler,	'62, Sept. 30.	'68, July 14.	Millbury.	"
L. Ives Hoadly,	'23, Oct. 15.		*New Haven, Ct.*	
William A. Houghton,	'43, July 5.	'43, Nov. 7.	Berlin.	Pastor
Wilbur Johnson,	'65, Oct. 3.	'71, Nov. 14.	W. Boylston.	"
Charles M. Lamson,	'69, Aug. 5.	'73, May 6.	Worcester.	"
Abijah P. Marvin,	'44, June 10.	'72, May 7.	Lancaster.	"
Lucian D. Mears,	'71, Nov. 8.	'71, Nov. 14.	Sterling.	"
Rodney A. Miller,	'27, June 7.	'27, Aug. 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
William P. Paine, D.D.,	'33, Oct. 24.	'34.	Holden.	Pastor.
George W. Phillips,	'64, Oct. 12.	'74, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	"
William Phipps,	'40, Nov. 11.	'41, Aug. 3.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	"
Miner G. Pratt,	'28, Oct. 22.	'37, May 2.	Andover.	Agent.
Merrill Richardson, D.D.	'41, Oct. 28.	'59, Mar. 1.	Milford.	Pastor.
George E. Sanborne,	'57, Jan. 1.	'68.	*Hartford, Ct.*	Chaplain.
William H. Sanford,	'32, Oct. 17.	'33, Aug. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Roger M. Sargent,	'52, April 27.		*Illinois.*	
Seth Sweetser, D. D.,	'36, Nov. 23.	'39, May 7.	Worcester.	Pastor.
Nathan W. Williams,	'49, Feb. 28.	'49, Aug. 7.	*Providence, R. I.*]	W. C.
John H. Windsor,	'58, Dec. 22.	'70.	Grafton.	Pastor.
Isaac R. Worcester,	'37, Sept. 27.	'47, Jan. 5.	Auburndale.	Ed. M. H.

Licentiate. — F. M. Sprague, Nov. 23, 1875.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February and May and second Tuesdays in July and November.

Rev. Charles M. Lamson, Worcester, Moderator; Rev. George W. Phillips, Worcester, Scribe.

26. WORCESTER NORTH, ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
L. Payson Broad,	'73, Sept. 3.	'73, Oct. 21.	Baldwinville.	A. P.
Charles E. Cooledge,	'71, May 24.	'75, Apr. 27.	Westminster.	A P.
Josiah D. Crosby,	'37, Oct. 4.	'46, Nov. 10.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
John P. Cushman,	'60, May 29.	'71, July 18.	*Troy, N. Y.*	
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'68, Oct. 13.	Athol.	Pastor.
William W. Dow,	'66, May 23.	'72, Apr. 23.	Douglas.	A. P.
Charles W. Fifield,	'74, Oct. 14.	'75, Jan. 19.	Huntington.	A. P.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	Pastor.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	Shutesbury.	A. P.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'75, Apr. 27.	Gardner.	Pastor.
Wilbur Johnson,	'65, Oct. 3.	'75, Apr. 27.	Royalston.	"
J. Lewis Merrill,	'74, Oct. 28.	'75, Jan. 19.	South Royalston.	A. P.
Charles F. Morse,	'5[illegible], Aug. 13.	'71, July 18.	*Thetford, Vt.*	
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Jan. 16.	'71, July 18.	Ashburnham.	A. P.
Charles Peabody,	'41, Dec. 8.	'74, Sept. 22.	Ashburnham.	"
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'69, Oct. 5.	Lunenburg.	Pastor.
Charles Rockwell,	'34, Sept. 23.	'75, Jan. 19.	Winchendon.	A. P.
Moody A. Stevens,	'62, Dec. 9.	'68, July 14.	Cohasset.	Pastor.
John M. Stowe,	'55, Jan. 31.	'71, Jan. 10.	Hubbardston.	"
Abijah Stowell,	'44, Sept. 18.	'53, Jan. 11.	Erving.	A. P.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'73, Oct. 21.	Templeton.	Pastor.

Licentiates. — None.

STATED MEETINGS. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. John M. Stowe, Hubbardston, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

27. WORCESTER SOUTH, ORGANIZED 1818.

Alvan J. Bates,	'49, Sept. 27.	'69, Jan. 12.	Saundersville.	Pastor.
Thomas C. Biscoe,	'38, July 18.	'39, Apr. 9.	Holliston.	W. C.
William T. Briggs,	'46, Nov. 4.	'66, July 10.	East Douglas.	Pastor.
Heman P. De Forest,	'67, Dec. 18.	'72, Jan. 9.	Westborough.	"
William W. Dow,	'66, May 23.	'75, Jan. 12.	Douglas.	A. P.
Stacy Fowler,	'62, Sept. 30.	'69, July 13.	Millbury.	Pastor.
James E. Hall,	'67, Feb. 27.	'67, July 9.	*Rockland, Me.*	"
Josiah W. C. Pike,	'63, Jan. 14.	'73, Jan. 14.	Holland.	A. P.
George A. Putnam,	'69, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	Pastor.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	"
[Hiram A. Tracy, *Presb.*	'35, Jan. 1.	'71, Oct. 17.	Sutton.	A. P.
James Wells,	'49, Apr. 1.	'72, Oct. 8.	Northbridge.	W. C.
John H. Windsor,	'58, Dec. 22.	'69, Apr. 13.	Grafton.	Pastor.
John E. M. Wright,	'52, Oct. 28.	'73, Apr. 8.	Upton.	W. C.

Licentiate. — None.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Heman P. De Forest, Westborough, Scribe.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. The following tables contain the name of all the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, each in its own county. The counties are arranged in alphabetical order. Towns in each county are arranged alphabetically; churches in each town, according to age; and of each church, (1) its town, (2) its name (if it have a peculiar one), which is always followed by "ch," (3) its locality in the town when that locality has a name distinct from the town; when the name of a church *follows* the name of a locality subordinate to the town, it shows that the church has a distinct number in that subdivision of the town, or it is evidently needed for clearness.

2. Churches organized since the close of the statistical year (Dec. 31, 1874) are inserted in the county tables in brackets, but not included in the summaries; and are also given with the list of new churches.

3. The contracted headings to the columns of figures are more fully given with the Summary.

4. The column specifying ministers is corrected up to June 30, 1875. Church members are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1875. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1874. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sabbath School" includes total membership of teachers and scholars Jan. 1, 1875, or when the school is in successful operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools" and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church, and the "average attendance" for the year 1874. "Benevolent contributions" include no parish expenditures, church building, or the like, and only donations in money.

5. The months and days, in the dates of the organization of churches, are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873; those of churches since organized being given in the list of new churches each year.

6. "Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry "by the laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate. "A. P." denotes "acting pastor."

7. All *Post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and *not* in the tables. For churches, see "Index of Towns."

9. In no instance is the report of any church in these Statistics copied from the returns of previous years. But there is included in the *totals* of each county a careful estimate of the numbers in any unreporting Sunday School; and also the occasionally missing items of "absent" and "average attendance" in Sabbath Schools,—which are assumed to be, in each case, equivalent to the average percentage of their county.

10. Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

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THE CHURCHES, BY COUNTIES.

1. BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Barnstable, West, *	1616	Henry A. Goodhue.	1863, May 20	1863, May 20	24	51	75	8	11	4	15	1	1	0	2	8	0	92	54	$77.62
" Centreville,	1840	[Newton I. Jones, *Lic.*†		1875, *A. p.*	27	74	101	23	7	2	9	3	3	0	6	3	2	75	54	71.67
" Hyannis,	1854	Vaola J. Hartshorne,	1865, Jan. 19	1875, *A. p.*	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		35	5.00
Chatham, 1st ch.,	1720	Hiram Day,	1844, Feb. 29	1870, *A. p.*	24	80	104	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	61	0.00
Dennis, South,	1817				25	75	100	19	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	90	62	85.00
Falmouth, 1st ch.,	1708	Henry K. Craig,	1855, Jan. 24	1871, Oct. 24	61	149	210	36	7	5	12	2	3	0	5	4	1	180	112	831 65
" East.	1821	David Perry,	1828, May	1872, *A. p.*	27	40	67	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	3	60	45	436.00
" North,	1833	Albert Paine,	1848, Sept. 7	1875, *A. p.*	25	49	74	14	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	61	56	78.40
" Waquoit,	1849	[Supplied by *Meth.*]			30	75	105	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	32	24.60
Harwich,	1747				10	27	37	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	20 00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1855	Edson J. Moore,	1861, Apr. 21	1873, *A. p.*	12	38	50	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	150	75	50 00
Orleans,	1719	Charles E. Harwood,	1871, June 7	1871, June 7	22	93	115	11	5	1	6	4	1	0	5	4	0	200	120	242.10
Provincetown,	1714	Ansel W. Westgate,	1861, Feb. 24	1874, *A. p.*	14	56	70	4	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	150	90	75.00
Sandwich,	1639	Frederick Oxnard,	1861, May	1871, *A. p.*	50	120	170	20	14	2	16	3	2	0	5	6	0	100	75	140.00
Truro, 1st ch.,	1711	Edward W. Noble,	1849, Dec. 26	1849, Dec. 26	24	53	77	10	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	90	70	75.00
" North,	1842	[Isaac Sherman, *Meth.*]		1874, *A. p.*	3	12	15	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	104	70	10.00
Wellfleet, 1st ch.,	1730	Emory G. Chaddock,	1860, Mar. 20	1874, June 3	80	118	198	25	0	2	12	2	4	0	6	6	0	180	106	440.50
" 2d ch., South,	1833	William Leonard,	1844, July 7	1872, *A. p.*	35	65	100	16	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	150	64	172.00
Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	1639	John W. Dodge,	1860, Dec. 6	1868, Dec. 30	44	111	155	20	9	2	11	2	0	0	2	2	2	145	100	56.87
" West,	1840	John F. Norton,	1844, Oct. 23	1873, *A. p.*	4	13	17	2	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	40	33	0.00
TOTAL: 20 churches.					544	1306	1850	261	73	23	96	32	18	0	50	39	11	2128	1315	3.397.41

* The date of this church, 1616, is reported on the assumption that it is the original church of Rev. Henry Jacob, of London; and that that church emigrated as an organization, with its pastor, in 1634.

† To be ordained in July.

2. BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Adams, North,	1827	Llewellyn Pratt,	1864, May 27	1871, Dec. 7	191	316	507	35	136	26	162	6	16	0	22	79	25	370	250	1,565.19
" South,	1840	Charles E. Stebbins,	1859, Dec. 14	1870, *A. p.*	46	113	159	38	10	14	24	2	10	0	12	0	4	325	185	820.00
Alford,	1846	Joseph E. Swallow,	1848, July 18	1873, *A. p.*	10	25	35	4	8	14	22	1	0	0	1	7	0	58	50	0.00
Becket, 1st ch.,	1758				17	23	40	18	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	30	20	15.00
" North,	1840	[H. W. Eldridge, *Lic.*]		1874, *A. p.*	42	72	114	41	3	1	4	6	0	0	6	2	0	83	51	53.00
Dolton,	1785	Richard S. Billings,	1855, June 6	1871, June 26	35	66	99	7	16	10	26	0	0	1	1	3	1	90	60	156.61
Egremont, South,	1816	Noadiah S. Dickinson,	1849, May 26	1872, *A. p.*	40	78	118	16	0	0	0	3	13	0	16	0	2	144	89	365.04
Gt. Barrington, 1st ch.,	1743	Evarts Scudder,	1859, June 1	1867, June 12	65	144	209	20	6	4	10	7	8	0	15	5	10	239	140	1,132.59
" Housatonic,	1841	Charles W. Mallory,	1874, June 18	1874, June 18	36	56	92	17	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	1	3	121	58	243.58
Hinsdale,	1795	Ephraim Flint, D.D.,	1867, Sept. 19	1867, Sept. 19	77	126	203	40	9	3	12	3	19	0	22	7	5	190	118	1,344.68
Lanesborough,	1764				8	21	29	7	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	12	80	60	0.00
Lee'	1780	Nahum Gale, D.D.,	1842, June 22	1853, Sept. 1	155	301	456	57	65	6	71	6	17	0	23	43	4	350	255	2,530.00
Lenox,	1769	Charles H. Parkhurst,	1874, May 14	1874, May 14	55	106	161	39	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	130	60	162.17
Monterey,	1760	[James A. Clark, *Presb.*]	1838,	1875, *A. p.*	26	63	89	22	1	2	3	4	8	0	12	4	2	119	89	68.40
New Marlboro', 1st ch.,	1744	Sullivan F Gale,	1869, June 23	1869, June 23	27	91	118	28	1	5	6	3	3	0	6	1	0	175	75	111.00
" Southfield,	1794	Samuel R. Free,	1869, Apr. 11	1873, Feb. 4	15	23	38	3	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	36		25 00
" Mill River,	1871	Francis H. Boynton,	1864, Oct. 20	1872, Sept. 10	20	47	67	6	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	3	1	135	57	39.45
Mount Washington,	1874	[Alvin E. Todd, *Lic.*]		1875, *A. p.*	3	10	13	0	11	2	13	0	0	0	0	10	0	50	40	0.00
Otis,	1779	Irem W. Smith,	1858, Aug 18	1873, Sept. 3	30	62	92	16	35	0	35	3	0	1	4	30	1		125	0.00
Peru,	1770	George Candee,		1875, *A. p.*	43	56	99	11	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	75	60	84.65
Pittsfield, 1st ch.,	1764	Edward O. Bartlett,	1863, Sept. 14	1873, Jan. 1	132	344	476	57	32	7	39	4	5	0	9	8	8	550	400	7,974.57
" 2d ch.,	1846	Samuel Harrison,	1850, Aug. 13	1872, *A. p.*	17	31	48	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	25	10.00
" South ch.,	1850				114	311	425	32	22	31	53	8	14	0	22	11	2	225	146	1,772.98
Richmond,	1765	[L. W. Curtis, *Presb.*]	1842,	1869, *A. p.*	24	53	77	10	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	0	70	45	66.00
Sandisfield,	1756				24	51	75	19	6	3	9	3	22	0	25	0	0	75	50	0.00
" New Boston,	1874	[E. Bradbury, *Presb.*]	1839, Oct.	1874, *A. p.*	17	26	43	0	8	35	43	0	0	0	0	5	0	60	50	0.00
Sheffield,	1735	Mason Noble, Jr.,	1869, Dec. 29	1869, Dec. 29	31	100	131	8	3	1	4	3	2	0	5	1	2	143	89	373.00
Stockbridge,	1734	Joseph C. Bodwell,	1872, Feb. 13	1874, Oct. 6	53	151	204	24	0	6	6	6	8	8	22	0	0	218	140	1,138.00
" Curtisville,	1824	[Albert Nash, *Meth.*]	1841, May	1872, *A. p.*	21	36	57	18	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	80	56	109.00
Washington, Un. ch.,	1772				4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
W Stockbridge, Centre,	1789	Lewis Pennell (*ret.*), Samuel Hopley,	1833, Sept. 17 1855, Sept. 19	1854, Dec. 6 1874, *A. p.*	9	23	32	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	21.00
" Village,	1833	Samuel Hopley,	1855, Sept. 19	1874, Sept. 3	30	64	94	12	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	120	78	
Williamstown, 1st ch.,	1765	Albert C. Sewall,	1871, Oct. 13	1873, Feb. 26	111	192	303	82	23	2	25	5	11	0	16	13	0	154	94	691.59
" College ch.,	1834	Mark Hopkins, D.D.,	1836, Sept. 15	1836, Sept. 15	5	1	6	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch., South,	1836	Edward H. Griffin,	1868, Feb. 6	1872, *A. p.*	16	22	38	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15	0.00
Windsor, ch. of Christ,	1772				10	11	21	12	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	50	35	10.53
TOTAL: 36 churches.					1557	3218	4775	734	410	189	599	93	185	10	288	234	83	4794	3090	20,833.03

3. BRISTOL COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members. Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Attleboro', 1st ch., West,	1712	John Whitehill,	1861, Dec. 11	1869, *A. p.*	23	58	81	25	0	0	0	4	10	0	14	0	1	119	69	95.96
" 2d ch., East,	1748	Samuel Bell,	1869, Sept. 1	1872, Dec. 18	55	169	224	10	2	4	6	5	5	0	10	2	1	306	221	1,258.00
" Falls Village,	1874				6	29	35	0	6	30	36	1	0	0	1	6	0	103	70	40.00
Berkley, 1st ch.,	1737	Samuel Fairley,	1850,	1873, *A. p.*	53	76	129	21	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	120	75	90.10
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Edwin Leonard,	1852, Mar. 25	1869, July 14	20	48	68	13	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	123	78	
Dighton, 1st Cong. ch.,	1710	Ebenezer Dawes,	1864, Sept. 8	1864, *A. p.*	34	56	90	17	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100		71.64
Easton,	1745	Alfred S. Hudson,	1867, Dec. 19	1873, *A. p.*	53	111	164	37	31	2	33	0	1	0	1	23	0	265	135	140.00
Fairhaven,	1794	Winfield S. Hawkes,	1868, Nov. 12	1873, June 25	49	150	199	24	9	2	11	5	10	0	15	3	5	220	144	458.82
Fall River, 1st ch.,	1816	Wm. W. Adams, D.D.,	1860, Jan. 26	1864, Sept. 14	55	155	210	65	1	3	4	4	3	0	7	0	2	235	150	2,279 23
" Central ch.,	1842	Michael Burnham,	1870, Oct. 25	1870, Oct. 25	133	216	349	40	8	24	32	6	3	0	9	2	2	1300	650	*6,551 38
" 3d ch.,	1874	Calvin Keyser,	1875, May 25	1875, *A. p.*	7	10	17	3	13	6	19	0	2	0	2	3	0	200	140	7 04
Freetown, Assonet,	1807				17	58	55	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	40	30	50.00
Mansfield,	1838	Jacob Ide, Jr.,	1856, Mar. 26	1856, Mar. 26	48	94	142	19	20	7	27	4	0	0	4	10	2	240	225	344.74
New Bedford, 1st ch.,	1696	William B. Hammond,	1844, June 5	1870, Nov. 16	24	36	60	20	18	2	20	3	3	0	6	18	1	70	50	100.00
" North ch.,	1807	Alonzo H. Quint, D.D.,†	1853, Dec. 27	1864, July 21	118	284	402	81	5	3	8	2	3	0	5	4	3	316	232	1,455.00
" Trin. ch.,	1831	Matthew C. Julien,	1872, Dec. 11	1872, Dec. 11	59	107	166		9	6	15	5	4	0	9	3	4	256	182	1,001.55
" Pacific ch.,	1844	Solon Cobb,	1864, Oct. 11	1874, *A. p.*	47	128	175	30	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	0	265	175	132.05
Norton,	1832				14	64	78	6	0	0	0	1	5	3	9	0	0	100	60	319.72
Raynham,	1731	Asa Mann,	1844, June 19	1873, Dec. 30	45	97	142	41	0	3	3	0	5	0	5	0	2	160	120	
Rehoboth,	1721	Isaac K. Prior,	1872, May 19	1873, *A. p.*	58	99	157	27	26	2	28	0	2	0	2	24	0	230	130	75.00
Seekonk & *E. Prov. R.I.*	1643	Hiram E. Johnson,	1859, Jan. 25	1871, *A. p.*	68	101	169	41	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	1	0	161	130	262.24
Somerset,	1861	William N. T. Dean,	1875, Feb. 3	1875, Feb. 3	18	29	47	14	3	0	3	1	4	0	5	3	1	75	55	11.00
Taunton, 1st ch., West,	1637	Thomas T. Richmond,	1832, July 17	1860, May 16	30	76	106		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	70	70.00
" Trin. Cong. ch.,	1821	Erastus Maltby (*ret.*), Stephen M. Newman,	1824, Sept. 29 1871, Oct. 17	1826, Jan. 18 1871, Oct. 17	101	260	361	81	5	4	9	8	3	0	11	4	0	250	185	1,489.00
" Winslow ch.,	1837	Mortimer Blake, D.D.,	1839, Dec. 4	1855, Dec. 4	69	146	215	41	4	7	11	0	7	0	7	2	15	324	205	
" Ev. Cong. ch. East,	1853	Frederick A. Reed,	1848, Mar. 9	1866, *A. p.*	9	26	35	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	78	55.88
" Un. ch. Whittenton,	1868	H. Morton Dexter,	1873, Apr. 30	1873, Apr. 30	35	74	109	12	27	9	36	0	4	0	4	17	3	247	183	165.00
Westport, Pac. Un. ch.,	1858	Nathaniel S. Moore,	1868, Nov. 11	1875, *A. p.*	5	24	29	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	115	77	83.28
TOTAL: 28 churches.					1253	2761	4014	715	197	115	312	60	89	3	152	128	43	6170	3983	16,606.63

4. DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark,	1700	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1875, *A. p.*	10	16	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Edgartown,	1641				20	74	103	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	50	45	0.00
Tisbury, 1st ch., West,	1673	William H. Sturtevant,	1853, Nov. 15	1861, *A. p*	32	42	74	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	75	20.00
TOTAL: 3 churches.					71	132	203	10	0	1	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	145	120	20.00

* Also $5,000 to A. B. C. F. M. by one man. † Pastorate to terminate July 20.

5. ESSEX COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amesbury, West,	1726	Lewis Gregory,	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	93	177	270	11	1	6	7	7	3	0	10	1	1	290	185	1,595.60
" Mills,	1831	Pliny S. Boyd,	1865, Oct. 4	1871, Dec. 27	58	158	216	40	12	8	20	1	1	0	2	8	4	275	181	525 00
Andover, South ch.,	1711	Charles Smith,	1847, Oct. 19	1851, Dec. 18	80	257	337	67	13	11	24	4	5	0	9	7	6	173	150	3,223.87
" West ch.,	1826	James H. Merrill,	1859, Nov. 26	1856, Apr. 30	70	153	223	47	12	1	13	4	6	0	10	8	0	135	85	2,041 85
" Free Chr. ch.,	1846	George F. Wright,	1863, Sept. 1	1873, June 6	71	187	258	46	27	8	35	1	3	0	4	7	6	223	150	875.52
" Ballard Vale,	1854	Henry S. Greene,	1857, Dec. 27	1855, Apr. 1	13	43	56	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	75	123.65
" Theo. Sem. ch.,	1865	*Prof.* Park, and other Professors,		*A. p.*	40	45	85	10	0	6	6	0	8	0	8	0	0	263	210	1,751.94
Beverly, 2d ch., North,	1715	Alexander J. Sessions,	1838, June 6	1872, *A. p.*	9	28	37	4	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	78	56	200.00
" Dane st. ch.,	1802	O. T. Lanphear, D.D.,	1849, Oct. 25	1867, Oct. 23	71	175	246	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	8	405	317	1,022.66
" Washington st. ch.,	1837	Benson M. Frink,	1862, Jan. 9	1873, Oct. 1	31	109	140	9	1	0	1	4	2	0	4	0	2	220	141	212.17
Boxford, 1st ch.,	1702	Sereno D. Gammell,	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	41	94	135	31	21	0	21	1	2	0	3	16	0	140	100	487.16
" West,	1736				17	28	45	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50		100.00
Bradford, 1st ch.,	1682	John D. Kingsbury,	1856, Sept. 24	1866, Jan. 11	114	235	349	32	6	5	11	7	2	0	9	5	1	472	300	970.00
Danvers, 1st ch.,	1671	Charles B. Rice,	1859, Dec. 7	1863, Sept. 2	42	126	168	11	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	235	162	610.00
" Maple st. ch.,	1844				83	198	281	30	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	375	252	403.00
Essex, 1st ch.,	1681	Edward G. Smith,	1871, Apr. 13	1875, *P. e.*	35	89	124	9	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	2	208	102	281.98
Georgetown,	1732	Charles Beecher,	1844, Nov. 9	1857, Nov. 19	46	123	169	39	7	2	9	0	1	0	1	6	0	217	157	260.66
" Orth. Memo. ch.,	1864	D. Dana Marsh,	1868, Sept. 16	1868, Sept. 16	39	97	136	18	7	5	12	2	1	0	3	3	0	170	108	536.31
Gloucester, West,	1716	Nathaniel Richardson,	1838, Aug. 8	1874, *A. p.*	12	14	26	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	45	30	5.00
" Harbor Ev. ch.,	1829	F. Barrows Makepeace,	1873, June 19	1874, June 4	47	122	169	19	1	8	9	1	4	1	6	2	3	275	160	1,861.79
" Lanesville,	1830	William H. Teel,	1868, Oct. 28	1871, *A. p.*	25	58	83	9	4	1	5	2	8	0	10	3	1	180	114	84 87
Groveland,	1727	John C. Paine,	1838, June 6	1870, Apr. 20	36	83	119	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	170	90	230 00
Hamilton,	1714	Calvin G. Hill,	1872, Sept. 5	1872, Sept. 5	39	76	115	27	8	0	8	5	0	0	5	4	0	130	70	123.00
Haverhill, West ch.,	1735	Ephraim W. Allen,	1843, May 17	1866, Nov. 8	56	78	134	26	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	136	84	217.75
" 4th ch.,	1744	James C. Seagrave,	1851, Dec. 3	1874, *A. p.*	6	14	20	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	81	43	25.00
" Centre ch.,	1833	Charles M. Hyde, D.D.,	1862, Aug. 19	1870, Nov. 15	59	181	240	18	11	6	17	5	5	0	10	10	7	243	161	1,394.40
" No. ch.,	1859	Raym'd H. Seeley, D.D.,	1843, July 5	1860, Aug. 8	101	238	339	39	41	9	50	1	0	0	1	24	2	405	322	1,800 00
Ipswich, 1st ch.,	1634	Thomas Morong,	1854, Apr. 12	1868, Feb. 5	57	172	229	30	35	6	41	0	2	0	2	23	11	250	166	792.73
" South ch.,	1747	Marshall B. Angier,	1853, June 8	1874, Feb. 4	47	162	209	25	55	0	55	0	6	0	6	38	0	165	100	500.00
" and Rowley, — Linebrook,	1749	Benjamin Howe,	1845, Nov. 5	1871, May 3	26	41	67	20	5	3	8	0	2	0	2	5	0	55	45	54.64
Lawrence, Law. st. ch.,	1847	Joshua Coit,	1860, Nov. 13	1874, May 13	98	263	361	96	3	12	15	3	13	5	21	3	2	350	275	2,495.50
" Central ch.,	1849	William E. Park,	1867, Nov. 13	1867, Nov. 13	91	182	273	0	4	17	21	1	10	0	11	2	5	210	141	470.18
" Eliot ch.,	1865	John H. Barrows,	1875, Apr. 29	1875, Apr. 29	30	69	99	21	1	3	4	2	8	0	10	0	2	220	165	613.38
" South ch.,	1868	Clark Carter,	1870, Apr. 27	1875, Jan. 30	27	50	77	6	14	4	18	4	3	0	7	7	2	150	115	204.02

5. ESSEX COUNTY — *Completed.*

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1873.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Lynn, 1st ch.,	1632				62	179	241	20	12	14	23	7	5	0	12	3	1	316	163	2,364.00
" Central ch.,	1850	Albert H. Currier,	1862, Dec. 3	1865, May 17	44	150	194	30	7	9	16	4	5	0	9	3	4	327	212	869.16
" Chestnut st. ch.,	1857	William A. Spaulding,	1870, Aug. 4	1874, Sept. 9	30	82	112	5	21	18	39	1	0	0	1	12	3	183	120	275.00
" North ch.,	1869				32	102	134	18	20	6	26	3	2	0	5	15	7	188	127	227.00
Lynnfield, Cen. ch.,	1720	Darius B. Scott,	1872, July 12	1874, Sept. 3	15	51	66	5	1	2	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	75	54	62.56
" 2d ch.,	1854	" " "	" "	" "	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	28	0.00
Manchester, Or. Con. ch.,	1716	George L. Gleason,	1866, Feb. 1	1869, Apr. 7	52	142	194	12	10	0	10	4	2	0	6	8	1	194	109	645.00
Marblehead, 1st ch.,	1684	John H. Williams,	1873, Sept. 10	1873, Sept. 10	32	162	194	10	16	0	16	5	1	0	6	8	6	275	200	375.00
" 3d ch.,	1858	Frank D. Kelsey,	1874, July 7	1874, *A. p.*	16	60	76	7	5	2	7	2	1	0	3	1	8	70	60	85.00
Methuen, 1st ch.,	1725	Lyman H. Blake,	1867, Nov. 14	1874, June 25	54	130	184	30	6	7	13	4	2	0	6	4	3	308	174	794.93
Middleton,	1729				45	101	146	8	5	2	7	3	0	0	3	3	0	157	112	224.00
Newbury, 1st ch.,	1635	Leon. Withington, D.D. / Omar W. Folsom,	1816, Oct. 31 / 1872, Oct. 31	1816, Oct. 31 / 1872, Oct. 31	43	139	182	34	15	1	16	1	1	0	2	8	2	180	121	810.72
" Byfield ch.,	1706				37	68	105	23	6	5	11	2	1	0	3	3	3		60	84.48
Newburyport, No. ch.,	1768	Charles R. Seymour,	1874, Oct. 8	1874, Oct. 8	60	235	295	40	4	1	5	3	4	0	7	3	1	250	164	365.71
" 4th ch.,	1793	Randolph Campbell,	1835, Apr. 30	1837, Oct. 12	56	150	206	6	4	0	4	8	3	1	12	1	5	108	70	659.06
" Belleville,	1808	Daniel T. Fiske, D.D.,	1847, Aug. 18	1847, Aug. 18	65	172	237	33	9	1	10	4	2	0	6	5	0	312	213	2,630.00
" Whitefield ch.,	1850	Sam'l J. Spalding, D.D.,	1846, Oct. 26	1851, June 30	52	136	188	36	9	2	11	0	6	0	6	2	2	165	91	646.42
North Andover, Ev. ch.,	1854	Rufus C. Flagg,	1872, Sept. 26	1872, Sept. 26	48	128	176	50	10	4	14	1	8	0	9	5	2	220	154	852.40
Peabody,	1713	George N. Anthony,	1855, Oct. 3	1869, Mar. 11	75	211	286	28	8	5	13	4	19	0	23	4	3	366	222	1,953.53
" Rockville,	1874				10	50	60	1	47	13	60	0	0	0	0	47	6	160	107	0.00
Rockport, 1st ch.,	1755	Charles C. McIntire,	1861, Sept. 17	1871, Dec. 28	105	191	296	10	5	1	6	6	3	0	9	3	2	200	140	588.62
Rowley,	1639	William R. Joyslin,	1864, Feb. 3	1874, Dec. 2	41	99	140	16	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	2	100	55	50.00
Salem, Tabernacle ch.,	1629	Hiram B. Putnam,	1868, Oct. 28	1873, Dec. 31	53	268	321	31	8	9	17	5	5	0	10	4	3	288	200	3,413.53
" South ch.,	1735	Edward S. Atwood,	1856, Oct. 23	1864, Oct. 13	80	310	390	20	8	4	12	6	0	0	6	3	3	400	260	4,500.00
" Crombie st. ch.,	1832	Hugh Elder,	1868, Jan. 29	1868, Jan. 29	44	192	236	44	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	1	232	165	1,020.00
Salisbury, Rocky Hill,	1718				1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
" & Amesb'y, Un'n,	1835	Newell S. Wright,	1873, Aug. 7	1874, *A. p.*	28	54	82	17	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	1	140	100	180.00
Saugus, Centre,	1732	Francis V. Tenney,	1845, Aug. 7	1869, Mar. 18	18	34	52	12	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	1	100	75	301.31
Swampscott, 1st ch.,	1846				10	51	61	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	125	83	60.00
Topsfield,	1663	James H. Fitts,	1859, Nov. 2	1871, June 22	38	104	142	10	0	2	2	6	5	0	11	0	1	175	107	372.40
Wenham,	1644	Will C. Wood,	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Oct. 13	29	65	94	12	15	0	15	0	1	0	1	7	7	150	110	181.87
West Newbury, 1st ch.,	1698	Joseph W. Tarleton,	1850, Dec. 5	1874, *A. p.*	21	40	61	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	86	34	0.00
" 2d ch.,	1731	Seneca M. Keeler,	1862, July 8	1872, June 13	35	111	146	20	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	2	318	160	132.90
TOTAL: 67 churches.					3045	8104	11149	1392	558	242	800	165	202	7	374	336	150	8295	8901	50,881.03

6. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashfield,	1763	James Dingwell,	1872, Aug. 28	1872, Aug. 28	53	102	155	6	9	4	13	4	1	0	5	3	2	200	105	223.84
Bernardston,	1824	Leroy M. Pierce,	1870, Feb. 4	1873, *A. p.*	18	49	67	9	20	8	28	1	3	0	4	13	0	86	60	124.00
Buckland,	1785	Charles L. Guild,	1864, Feb. 4	1873, *A. p.*	32	52	84	12	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	100	77	10.26
Charlemont, 1st ch.,	1788	Henry G. Marshall,	1871, Feb. 1	1872, Sept. 4	33	73	106	20	1	2	3	2	1	1	4	1	0	125	78	246.18
" East,	1845	Wellington Newell,	18[illegible]6, Nov. 18	1873, Sept. 3	28	49	77	17	17	1	18	2	1	0	3	11	1	82	45	108.50
Coleraine,	1750	David A. Strong,	1849, Mar. 21	1867, June 13	16	48	64	16	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	1	1	100	50	77.20
Conway,	1768	Arthur Shirley,	1872, July 3	1872, July 3	75	136	211	11	12	4	16	2	9	2	13	4	0	181	118	736.73
Deerfield, South,	1318	Charles S. Brooks,	1869, Sept. 15	1873, Jan. 14	116	187	303	51	14	8	22	8	10	0	18	10	2	174	125	515.54
" Orth. Cong. ch.,	1835	Robert Crawford, D. D.,	1840, Aug. 20	1858, Jan. 13	21	51	72	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	35	22	43.00
Erving, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832	Abijah Stowell,	1844, Sept. 18	1872, *A. p.*	10	17	27	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	60	24.35
Gill,	1793	Edmund S. Potter,	1843, May 23	1868, *A. p.*	16	40	56	11	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	60	45	75.00
Greenfield, 1st ch.,	1754	Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3	1872, Mar. 7	20	52	72	11	3	1	4	2	5	0	7	3	0	115	50	144.15
" 2d ch.,	1817	Franke A. Warfield,	1871, Jan. 11	1873, July 31	77	191	268		27	28	55	7	7	4	18	16	13	402	223	1,111.46
Hawley, 1st ch., East,	1778	Henry Seymour,	1843, Mar. 1	1870, *A. p.*	30	45	75	25	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	65	53	26.15
" West,	1825	John Eastman,	1834, Aug. 13	1871, *A. p.*	13	21	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	96	50	30.00
Heath,	1785	John C. Edgar,	1875, June 13	1875, *A. p.*	8	14	22	4	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	2	1		40	
Leverett,	1784	Asa F. Clark,	1842, Feb. 15	1873, *A. p.*	34	65	99	10	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	1	0	100	75	17.00
Montague, 1st ch.,	1752	Charles H. Daniels,	1873, Nov. 20	1873, Nov. 20	60	140	200	23	7	7	14	7	5	0	12	4	1	150	110	450.00
" Miller's Falls,	1872				21	37	58	13	16	4	20	0	6	1	7	14	1	84	52	23.44
" *Turner's Falls,	1875	Herbert R. Howes,	1870, Jan. 13	1875, *A. p.*	9	11	20	5										50		
New Salem,	1845	David Eastman,	1840, Feb. 12	1863, *A. p.*	6	34	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	35	38.00
Northfield, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1825	Theodore J. Clark,	1842, Oct. 11	1870, Aug. 17	22	42	64	5	2	5	7	3	3	0	6	1	0	80	65	171.69
Orange, North,	1843	Samuel W. Clarke,	1874, Jan. 14	1874, *A. p.*	9	22	31	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	40		16.25
" Central ch.,	1846				70	123	193	27	14	0	14	3	0	0	3	13	0	150	125	168.66
Shelburne, 1st ch.,	1770	Alfred F. Marsh,	1867, Oct. 31	1870, Oct. 25	81	117	198	6	37	9	46	3	9	0	12	21	0	280	160	536.15
" Falls,	1850	Edward E. Lamb,	1859, Sept. 5	1869, Dec. 15	56	132	188	18	15	2	17	3	4	0	7	4	10	220	139	375.00
Shutesbury,	1742	John H. Garman,	1847, Nov. 3	1875, *A. p.*	20	28	48	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		35	12.00
Sunderland,	1718	Otis D. Crawford,	1872, Nov. 1	1874, *A. p.*	124	169	293	23	1	1	2	3	3	0	6	0	3	215	158	751.08
Warwick, Tr. Cong. ch.,	1829	Samuel W. Clarke,	1874, Jan. 14	1874, Jan. 14	16	47	63	11	7	2	9	1	0	0	1	0	2	67	50	68.99
Wendell, Centre, 1st ch.,	1774	Brainerd B. Cutler,	1837, Aug. 4	1860, *A. p.*	8	12	20	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0		46	8.00
Whately,	1771	John W. Lane,	1860, Oct. 17	1860, Oct. 17	48	81	129	14	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	0	6	156	70	208.72
TOTAL: 30 churches.					1141	2176	3317	421	212	91	303	74	89	8	171	124	46	3713	2347	6,341.43

* Not included in Summary, being organized since the close of the statistical year.

7. HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Agawam, Feeding Hills	1762	Charles S. Sylvester,	1857, Oct. 20	1866, *A. p.*	13	43	56	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	85	50	53.80
" Cong. ch.,	1819	Ralph Perry,	1844, July 3	1844, Jan. 3	48	94	142	15	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	48	404.52
Blandford,	1735	Aaron W. Field,	1872, Nov. 13	1872, Nov. 13	33	65	98	10	7	0	7	1	2	0	3	4	2	150	100	100.00
Brimfield, 1st ch.,	1724	Webster K. Pierce,	1872, June 11	1874 Apr. 30	49	126	185	20	0	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	215	105	200.90
Chester, Centre,	1769	Henry A. Dickinson,	1863, Oct. 16	1867, Oct. 17	26	34	60	13	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	40		25.26
" 2d ch., Depot.	1844	Cyrus B. Whitcomb,	1874, Oct. 14	1874, Oct. 14	17	21	38	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	85	50	25.00
Chicopee, 1st ch.,	1752	E. Benedict Clark,	1839, Oct. 16	1839, Oct. 16	28	43	71	11	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	31	197.32
" 2d ch., Falls,	1830	Joshua T. Tucker, D.D.	1837, Nov. 16	1868, Apr. 8	70	117	187	40	2	9	11	3	7	0	10	2	4	152	98	815.68
" 3d ch.,	1834				58	151	209	17	0	2	2	8	8	0	16	0	8	320	235	796.12
Granville, East,	1747	Nelson Scott,	1846, Sept. 24	1871, Dec. 13	16	37	53	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	50		75.00
" West,	1786	Augustus Alvord,	1865, Jan. 16	1874, *A. p.*	23	37	60	11	5	3	8	1	5	0	6	3	2	72	60	16.31
Holland,	1765	Josiah W. C. Pike,	1863, Jan. 14	1874, *A. p.*	15	27	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	60	13.00
Holyoke, 1st ch.,	1799	Charles S. Walker,	1871, Aug. 1	1874, *A. p.*	34	53	87	13	0	8	8	5		0	5	0	0	64	40	25.00
" 2d ch.,	1849	John L. R. Trask,	1867, Dec. 4	1867, Dec. 4	100	231	331	30	11	25	36	6	9	0	15	3	1	340	240	2,200.00
Longmeadow,	1716	John W. Harding,	1850, Jan. 1	1850, Jan. 1	41	90	131	4	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	90	70	784.17
" East,	1829	Albert I. Dutton,	1863, Nov. 11	1869, Dec. 8	37	69	106	12	4	2	6	0	4	0	4	3	3	100	57	390.50
Ludlow,	1790	Samuel V. McDuffie,	1869, May 12	1875, *A. p.*	49	98	147	15	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	150	103	350.00
" Mills,	1857	Timothy Lyman,	1850, Nov. 23	1874, *A. p.*	4	24	28	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	40	0.00
Monson,	1762	Charles B. Sumner,	1868, Jan. 2	1868, Jan. 2	76	171	247	37	2	9	11	7	6	0	13	0	2	238	150	1,569.18
Montgomery,	1797				2	8	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	25	0.00
Palmer, 1st ch.,	1733	Theodore A. Leete,	1845, Sept. 24	1870, *A. p.*	20	36	56	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	100	57	96.00
" 2d ch.,	1847	Bradford M. Fullerton,	1868, Feb. 12	1868, Feb. 12	31	83	114	8	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	165	108	400.00
Southwick	1773	Cyrus M. Perry,	1865, Mar. 28	1873, *A. p.*	20	49	69	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	60	40	68.00
Springfield, 1st ch.,	1637	Edward A. Reed,	1871, June 14	1871, June 14	192	481	673	87	64	26	90	15	19	0	34	28	8	592	363	7,024.73
" Olivet ch.,	1833	Luther H. Cone,	1855, Apr. 5	1867, Oct. 30	81	204	285	30	24	16	40	3	18	0	21	14	3	345	203	1,330.96
" South ch.,	1842	S. G. Buckingham, D.D.,	1837, May 24	1847, June 16	126	273	399	42	15	22	37	7	15	0	22	6	18	663	439	1,387.59
" North ch.,	1846	Washington Gladden,	1860, Nov. 15	1874, *P. e.*	120	231	351	43	9	8	17	1	14	2	17	8	3	245	162	365.92
" Indian Orchard,	1848	William Hamilton,	1874, Oct. 15	1873, *A. p.*	15	22	37	20	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	80	60	5.75
" Sanford st. ch.,	1864				23	35	58	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	75	80	17.00
Tolland,	1797	Caleb W. Piper,	1842, June 22	1873, *A. p.*	29	36	65	8	13	0	13	1	15	0	16	10	4	100	65	20.00
Westfield, 1st ch.,	1679	Judson Titsworth,	1873, June 4	1873, June 4	97	250	347	50	22	7	29	8	6	0	14	9	1	285	200	1,835.15
" 2d ch.,	1856	Henry Hopkins,	1861, Sept. 23	1866, June 20	108	214	322	55	17	24	41	2	6	0	8	9	4	360	265	1,640.10
West Springfield, 1st ch.,	1698	Edward N. Pomeroy,	1868, Nov. 11	1873, Nov. 18	36	80	116	27	6	10	16	2	8	0	10	3	2	99	85	208.20
" 2d ch., Mittineague,	1850	John E. Hurlbut,	1875, Mar. 24	1875, *A. p.*	16	38	54	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	65	128.86
" Park st. ch.,	1871	Lyman D. Calkins,	1871, Nov. 21	1873, Dec. 10	31	75	106	3	23	8	31	1	0	0	1	10	1	120	77	600.00
Wilbraham,	1741	Martin S. Howard,	1856, Nov. 20	1868, Oct. 29	76	134	210	70	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	3	3	225	115	554.00
" South,	1785				45	75	120	30	11	0	11	1	2	0	3	8	0	80	60	75.00
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1805	3865	5670	821	245	204	449	89	167	3	259	123	85	6126	4066	23,808.62

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Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Amherst, 1st ch.,	1739	Jonathan L. Jenkins,	1855, Oct. 18	1863, Sept. 24	124	278	402	35	13	1	14	10	11	0	21	1	6	336	211	858.74
" 2d ch., East st.,	1782	Charles A. Conant,	1864, July 2	1872, *A. p.*	48	113	161	12	1	0	1	5	3	1	9	0	0	207	111	75.74
" College ch.,	1826	*Pres.* W. A. Stearns,			58	22	80	7	1	9	10	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1,084.11
" " Mission Br.,		D.D.	1831, Dec. 14	1854, Nov. 21	2	7	9	0	0	0	0							30		0.00
" North ch., North,	1826	George F. Humphreys,	1875, Jan. 7	1875, Jan. 7	100	155	255	55	0	1	1	5	2	4	11	0	3	340	182	403.00
" ch. of South,	1858	[F. B. Pullan, *Licen.*]		1875, *A. p.*	43	69	112	14	0	1	1	5	2	3	10	0	3	120	56	170.00
Belchertown,	1737	Payson W. Lyman,	1871, May 10	1871, May 10	102	199	301	53	14	8	22	2	10	0	12	6	3	270	163	616.22
Chesterfield,	1764	William A. Fobes,	1855, Nov. 8	1873, *A. p.*	13	38	51	6	12	6	18	1	0	0	1	4	0	130	85	
Cummington, E. Vil. ch.,	1839				35	72	107	4	22	2	24	3	0	0	3	20	1	75	60	115.16
" West Village ch.,	1840	Ozias S. Morris,	1848, July 9	1873, *A. p.*	10	32	42	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	85	62	0.00
Easthampton, 1st ch.,	1785	Aaron M. Colton,	1840, June 10	1863, Mar. 2	97	198	295	12	7	6	13	7	5	1	13	6	8	227	165	778 50
" Payson ch.,	1852	Samuel T. Seelye, D.D.,	1846, June 17	1863, Oct. 14	120	266	386	30	7	7	14	5	11	0	16	4	10	400	275	3.385 46
Enfield,	1790	Edward C. Ewing,	1863, Nov. 5	1867, Oct. 9	73	157	230	40	7	0	7	4	1	8	13	5	6	215	123	1,645.10
Goshen,	1780	George Juchau,	1869, Mar. 3	1874, *A. p.*	19	49	68	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	60	35	19.85
Granby,	1762	R Henry Davis,	1872, Nov. 12	1875, Feb. 16	66	124	190	26	0	0	0	3	10	0	13	0	4	220	132	1,076.48
Greenwich,	1749	Edward P. Blodgett,	1843, July 5	1843, July 5	34	92	126	37	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	130	68	239.88
Hadley, 1st ch.,	1659	Rowland Ayres,	1848, Jan. 12	1848, Jan. 12	65	120	185	18	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	4	150	109	432.29
" 2d ch., North,	1831	James M. Bell,	1858, July 21	1873, June 4	67	103	170	25	0	2	2	5	2	0	7	0	4	160	120	135.50
" Russell ch.,	1841	Edward S. Dwight, D.D.,	1844, Dec. 25	1864 Sept. 27	43	88	131	13	0	6	6	5	6	0	11	0	3	85	45	553.70
Hatfield,	1670	William Greenwood,	1874, Sept. 1	1874, *A. p.*	93	143	236	14	3	3	6	3	4	0	7	1	2	135	107	720.36
Huntington, 1st ch.,	1778	Charles W. Fifield,	1874, Oct. 14,		27	48	75	11	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	60	36.46
" 2d ch.,	1846	John H. Bisbee,	1834, Feb. 20	1867, Apr. 10	26	65	91	13	1	1	2	2	7	0	9	1	1	90	52	116 41
Middlefield,	1783	Charles M. Peirce,	1863, Sept. 2	1868, July 1	38	54	92	13	3	5	8	4	2	0	6	1	1	110	65	407.84
Northampton, 1st ch.,	1661	William S. Leavitt,	1845, Dec. 1	1867, Apr. 30	135	340	475	50	9	7	16	10	10	0	20	2	3	330	225	3.500.00
" Edwards ch.,	1833	Gordon Hall, D. D.,	1848, Oct. 25	1852, June 2	119	251	370	25	17	6	23	5	8	0	13	6	1	275	175	1,854.32
" Florence ch.,	1861	Elisha G. Cobb,	1860, June 20	1866, Dec. 6	76	182	256	63	2	17	19	1	6	0	7	1	2	220	150	2,005.40
Pelham,	1837	William K. Vaill,	1866, Feb. 21	1874, *A. p.*	9	21	30	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
" Packardville,	1869	" " "	"	1871, June 28	11	20	31	8	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	59	32	15.05
Plainfield,	1786	Solomon Clark,	1841, April 12	1858, *A. p.*	51	80	131	21	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	165	75	85.50
Prescott,	1823				17	25	42	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	50	72.62
Southampton,	1743	Edward S. Fitz,	1874, May 20	1874, May 20	100	156	256	28	32	5	37	9	14	0	23	15	5	174	115	402.85
South Hadley, 1st ch.,	1733	John R. Herrick, D. D.,	1854, June 21	1874, Apr. 16	113	216	329	35	13	7	20	2	16	0	18	5	2	290	177	772.10
" Falls,	1824	George E. Fisher,	1850, Feb. 27	1867, Oct. 2	59	111	170	34	0	10	10	4	3	0	7	0	4	197	123	439.06
" Falls, 1st ch.,	1824	Richard Knight,	1837, May 6	1856, Sept. 10	51	115	166	35	9	10	19	7	4	0	11	2	6	255	190	1,288.65
Ware, 1st ch.,	1751	William G. Tuttle,	1851, Apr. 16	1861, Oct. 10	39	99	138	36	5	2	7	5	1	0	6	1	0	130	84	271.45
" East ch.,	1826	Ariel E. P. Perkins, D.D.	1844, Sept. 18	1855, Dec. 5	111	248	359	51	17	2	19	2	4	0	6	5	7	331	242	4,234 32
Westhampton,	1779	Joseph Lanman,	1808, June 2	1874, June 3	86	129	215	30	30	4	34	6	4	0	10	15	3	170	95	396.65
Williamsburg, 1st ch.,	1771	John F. Gleason,	1873, Jan. 7	1873, Jan. 7	78	153	231	24	1	2	3	19	6	0	25	1	9	225	150	765.00
" Haydenville,	1851	James P. Kimball,	1857, May 13	1871, Nov. 8	42	141	183	53	0	3	3	3	9	0	12	0	2	230	160	325.00
Worthington,	1771	Dennis Powers,	1838, Dec. 5	1874, *A. p.*	61	84	145	20	0	2	2	6	1	0	7	0	0	125	75	45.50
TOTAL: 39 churches.					2461	4863	7324	988	232	142	374	163	165	17	345	107	105	6916	4423	29,344.27

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Acton,	1832	Franklin P. Wood,	1871, July 21	1872, Oct. 10	45	110	155	38	14	8	22	7	2	0	9	10	5	150	98	390.40
Arlington,	1842	Daniel R. Cady, D.D.,	1845, Oct. 27	1856, Feb. 14	46	128	174	53	6	9	15	0	10	0	10	2	3	196	154	2,565.78
Ashby,	1776	George F. Walker,	1863, July 3	1873, June 11	56	120	176	30	10	0	10	0	2	0	2	9	0	230	175	418.00
Ashland,	1835	Edward P. Tenney,	1859, Oct. 19	1873, *A. p.*	39	62	101		4	5	9	6	6	0	12	3	5	200	130	163.62
Ayer,	1861	Horace Parker,	1861, May 31	1874, *A. p.*	19	41	60	14	0	6	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	106	91	40.00
Bedford,	1750				37	90	127	38	3	4	7	4	5	0	9	1	3	80	50	200 00
Belmont, Waverley,	1865	John L. Ewell,	1871, May 4	1874, Dec. 10	8	14	22	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	50	72.00
Billerica,	1829	Henry A. Hazen,	1858, Feb. 17	1874, May 21	19	48	67	9	1	9	10	1	3	0	4	1	2	67	46	219.00
Boxborough,	1784				28	34	62	13	11	2	13	1	0	0	1	6	1	55	40	81.27
Burlington,	1735	Charles Anderson,	1874, Sept. 3	1874, Sept. 3	14	37	51	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	75	50	100.00
Cambridge, 1st ch.,	1636	Alexander McKenzie,	1861, Aug. 28	1867, Jan. 24	122	267	389	50	15	9	24	11	11	0	22	4	6	422	293	2,405.00
" Port, 1st ch.,	1827	William S. Karr,	1854, Sept. 26	1873, Jan. 15	131	298	429	88	17	11	28	2	17	0	19	10	7	300	215	3,872.62
" East,	1842				31	62	93	53	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	4	100	75	250 00
" North Avenue,	1857	David O. Mears,	1867, Oct. 2	1867, Oct. 2	133	246	379	39	62	19	81	4	20	0	24	29	10	287	196	875.00
" Port, Pilgrim ch.,	1865	George R. Leavitt,	1865, Mar. 29	1870, May 4	111	222	333	27	17	15	32	2	17	1	20	9	13	500	368	1,006.33
" " Chapel ch.,	1872	John K. Browne,	1872, Oct. 16	1872, Oct. 16	37	96	133	4	22	22	44	1	3	0	4	8	0	374	288	120.00
Carlisle,	1830	Moses Patten,	1860, June 7	1870, Oct. 27	8	48	56	14	6	1	7	4	3	0	7	4	1	66	47	97.47
Chelmsford, 2d ch. Nor.,	1824				27	61	88	20	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	0	110	60	88.60
Concord, Trin. ch.,	1826	Henry M. Grout,	1858, Sept. 1	1872, *P. e.*	24	64	88	21	5	10	15	1	0	0	1	2	2	85	48	340.00
Dracut, 1st Ev. Con. ch.,	1721	Rufus Emerson,	1863, Jan. 7	1874, *A. p.*	16	51	67	26	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	42	33	8.55
" Central ch.,	1847	Aaron B. Peffers,	1853, May 23	1874, *A. p.*	25	43	68	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	60	48	0.00
Dunstable,	1757	Franklin D. Austin,	1853, June 23	1873, *A. p.*	18	42	60	12	0	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	60	280.68
Everett,	1861	Webster Hazlewood,	1869, May 5	1875, *A. p.*	34	77	111	10	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	1	175	117	20 0.52
Framingham, Plym. ch.,	1701	Lucius R. Eastman, Jr.,	1862, May 1	1871, June 8	80	207	287	30	25	10	35	3	14	0	17	11	4	200	125	1,791.94
" Saxonville, Edw. ch.,	1835	Charles Jones,	1835, Jan. 15	1870, Oct. 4	37	97	134	36	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	2	86	53	287.03
" South,	1873	David M. Bean,	1863, July 22	1873, *A. p.*	23	63	86	2	6	2	8	0	2	0	2	6	2	148	86	133.00
Groton,	1664	Benjamin A. Roble,	1866, Mar. 22	1874, *P. e.*	65	149	214	34	0	1	1	9	3	0	12	0	1	140	120	905.94
Holliston, 1st ch.,	1728	George M. Adams,	1851, Sept. 18	1873, Sept. 11	117	249	366	66	17	14	31	12	9	0	21	12	0	300	225	1,218.93
Hopkinton,	1724	George H. Ide,	1869, Oct. 28	1869, Oct. 28	70	152	222	44	12	7	19	0	1	0	1	5	8	353	208	2,245.80
Lexington, Hancock ch.,	1868	Edward G Porter,	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	23	39	62	12	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	80	628.87
Lincoln, 1st ch.,	1747	Henry J. Richardson,	1860, Sept. 6	1860, Sept. 6	30	64	94	13	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	115	65	778.35
Littleton,	1840				27	31	58	10	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	1		55	40	576.64
Lowell, Pawtucket ch.,	1797	James A. Bates,	1860, Sept. 19	1874, *A. p.*	41	68	109	30	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	121	65	137.28
" 1st Cong. ch.,	1826	Smith Baker,	1860, July 30	1871, Sept. 13	159	473	632	134	63	21	84	5	13	0	18	48	5	622	446	1,173.34
" Eliot ch.,	1830	John M. Greene,	1857, Oct. 20	1870, July 20	62	218	280	90	0	2	2	3	9	0	12	0	1	273	197	*407.75
" John st. ch.,	1839	Eden B. Foster, D.D.,	1841, Aug. 11	1866, May 16	100	278	378	69	2	4	6	1	12	0	13	2	1	350	175	491.12
" Kirk st. ch.,	1845	Charles D. Barrows,	1871, July 13	1871, July 13	142	345	487	70	33	18	51	6	8	0	14	17	8	412	281	6,147.61
" High st. ch.,	1846	Owen Street,	1842, Feb. 3	1867, Sept. 16	78	152	230	45	3	1	4	2	7	0	9	0	0	325	212	560.96
Malden, 1st ch.,	1649	J. W. Wellman, D.D.,	1851, June 18	1874, Mar. 25	118	222	340	62	14	35	49	5	11	0	16	7	4	613	386	†1,409.62
" Maplewood,	1874				7	12	19	1	3	19	22	1	2	0	3	1	0	75	45	0.00
Marlborough, Union ch.,	1836	John Willard,	1855, Jan. 25	1873, Dec. 30	78	186	264	25	1	20	21	3	8	0	11	1	2	306	187	780.00

*$18,686.90, for new church. †$7,000 on church debt.

9. MIDDLESEX COUNTY — *Completed.*

Maynard,	1852	Philip B. Sheire,	1874, Sept. 8	1874, *A. p.*	54	98	152	42	6	4	10	0	10	0	10	1	7	300	175	200.00	
Medford, Mystic ch.,	1847	Charles H. Baldwin,		1875, June 30	83	229	312	29	3	130	133	4	9	0	13	3	2	400	280	2,061.08	
" West,	1872	Marshall M. Cutter,	1868, Dec. 29	1874, Oct. 14	17	22	39	8	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	68	35.30	
Melrose,	1848	Albert G. Bale,	1868, Dec. 3	1868, Dec. 3	64	134	198	25	26	11	37	4	5	0	9	8	1	245	194	1,108 98	
Natick, 1st Cong. ch.,	1802	Francis N. Peloubet,	1857, Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 17	117	226	343	40	3	6	9	5	7	0	12	2	5	550	301	1,781.00	
" John Eliot ch., So'h,	1859	Samuel D. Hosmer,	1856, Nov. 11	1873, *A. p.*	14	40	54	13	4	4	8	2	3	0	5	2	2	83	59	128 43	
Newton, 1st ch., Centre,	1664	Daniel L. Furber, D.D.,	1847, Dec. 1	1847, Dec. 1	87	145	232	43	2	9	11	3	7	0	10	2	0	194	114	2,780.00	
" 2d ch., West,	1781	Henry J. Patrick,	1854, Nov. 16	1860, Sept. 26	107	182	289	51	4	8	12	2	4	0	6	1	3	289	215	1,091.39	
" Eliot ch.,	1845	Samuel M. Freeland,	1861, July 30	1875, May 11	133	260	393	41	5	11	16	7	25	0	32	1	6	365	255	6,091.38	
" Auburndale,	1850	Calvin Cutler,	1862, May 12	1867, May 9	64	105	169	36	11	6	17	1	2	0	3	2	2	265	164	4.019.67	
" North Vill.,	1866	Samuel E. Lowry,	1867, Feb. 21	1867, Feb. 21	40	68	108	38	24	6	30	2	5	0	7	6	14	171	141	167.00	
" Newtonville,	1868				34	91	125	13	0	5	5	2	10	0	12	0		185	125	679 51	
" Highlands,	1872	Samuel H. Dana,	1872, Oct. 9	1872, Oct. 9	11	27	38	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	134	52	374.45	
North Reading,	1720	Josiah W. Kingsbury,	1866. June 28	1872, Oct. 16	13	57	70	14	0	3	3	3	6	0	9	0	3	70	60	91.68	
Pepperell,	1747	George F. Swain,	1875, May 12	1875, May 12	104	222	326	43	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	200	175	295.25	
Reading, Old South ch.,	1770	William A. Thompson,	1868, Sept. 30	1872, Feb. 14	41	121	162	24	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	176	97	336.55	
" Bethesda ch.,	1849	William H. Willcox,	1851, Mar. 5	1857, July 2	82	183	265	24	5	8	13	1	5	0	6	2	4	295	187	1,083.61	
Sherborn,	1685	Edmund Dowse,	1838, Oct. 10	1838, Oct. 10	43	102	145	24	4	2	6	3	3	0	6	1	2	140	95	309 25	
Shirley Village,	1828				18	45	63	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	55	141.00	
Somerville, 1st ch., East,	1855	William S. Hubbell,	1868, Jan. 30	1872, Feb. 1	128	233	361		39	20	59	2	28	0	30	24	5	605	404	2,506.71	
" North, Winter Hill,	1864	William H. Pierson,	1868, Jan. 1	1872, Aug. 29	63	100	163	26	26	18	44	2	11	0	13	15	4	248	168	792.29	
" West,	1874	James M. Hubbard,	1862, July 23	1874, *A. p.*	20	26	46	5	12	40	52	0	6	0	6	3	0	57	38		
" Union Square,	1874	Albert E. Winship,	1875, Mar. 17	1874, *A. p.*	27	35	62	0	6	56	62	0	0	0	0	2	0	120	95	Org. Dec. 30	
Stoneham,	1729				33	98	131	18	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	215	103	80.43	
Sudbury, Union ch.,	1640	George A. Oviatt,	1838, Aug. 28	1875, *A. p*	53	132	185	33	3	1	4	3	3	0	6	3	0	173	112		
Tewksbury,	1735	S. Franklin French,	1864, Sept. 29	1871, Nov. 1	39	103	142	33	1	3	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	190	105	530.06	
Townsend.	1734	Henry C. Fay,	1858, Dec. 29	1873, *A. p*	72	148	220	27	5	6	11	3	5	3	11	2	0	150	112	733.06	
Tyngsborough,	1868	John W. Haley,	1864, Sept. 23	1874, *A. p.*	8	32	40	4	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	80	45	38.05	
Wakefield,	1645	Charles R. Bliss,	1859, Apr. 28	1862, May 22	67	141	208	50	4	6	10	4	1	0	5	1	6	306	187	1,263.44	
Waltham,	1820	Elnathan E. Strong,	1859, Nov. 16	1865, Dec. 21	61	159	220	41	3	4	7	1	9	2	12	3	5	253	152	968.16	
Watertown, Phillips ch.	1855	Edwin P. Wilson,	1871, Jan. 26	1872, July 5	50	103	153	27	11	5	16	3	4	0	7	8	5	156	90	250.93	
Wayland,	1828	Truman A. Merrill,	1858, July 14	1873, July 30	36	72	108	22	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	75	50	46.43	
Westford,	1828	Henry H. Hamilton,	1872, Sept. 11	1872, Sept. 11	20	72	92	4	0	4	4	1	3	0	4	0	0	70	45	111.00	
Wilmington,	1733	S. Sherberne Mathews,	1874, Oct. 23	1874, Oct. 23	40	91	131	23	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	100	82	311.75	
Winchester,	1840	Alfred B. Dascomb,	1862, Jan. 16	1874, Mar. 4	126	254	380	55	49	16	65	7	8	0	15	11	8	318	231	6,100.00	
Woburn, 1st ch.,	1642	Henry S. Kelsey,	1863, Nov. 28	1873, Mar. 19	207	342	549	94	33	11	44	8	11	0	19	17	7	426	303	3,905.96	
" North,	1849	Charles Anderson,	1874, Sept. 3	1874, Sept. 3	16	56	72	23	9	1	10	0	1	0	1	7	0	106	68	46.00	
TOTAL: 78 churches.					4477	9820	14297	2447	680	722	1402	201	433	6	640	339	199	17507	10999	73,788.82	

10. NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket,	1728	C. J. K. Jones,		1875, *P. e.*	45	273	318	45	18	5	23	1	6	4	11	16	0	198	151	

11. NORFOLK COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Braintree, 1st ch.,	1707	Thomas A. Emerson,	1869, Nov. 25	1874, May 7	47	117	164		1	2	3	7	0	0	7	0	1	217	138	1,159.36
" South	1829				18	41	59	9	0	5	5	2	12	0	14	0	0	125	67	123 39
Brookline, Harvard ch.,	1844	Reuen Thomas,	1858, Dec.	1875, May 4	84	143	227	55	8	19	27	1	7	2	10	5	7	225	165	5,117.66
Canton, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1828	John W. Savage,	1863, Dec. 3	1874, *A. p.*	31	73	104	10	12	2	14	0	1	0	1	4	0	110	75	112.00
Cohasset, 2d Cong. ch.,	1824	Moody A. Stevens,	1862, Dec. 9	1871, Apr. 18	16	97	113	11	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	2	0	125	70	415.72
" Beech Woods,	1863				9	20	29	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	50	17.63
Dedham, 1st ch.,	1638				28	122	150		1	0	1		7	0	7	3	0	336	240	897.64
Dover, 2d Cong. ch.,	1839				7	18	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	102	68	
Foxborough,	1779	Bernard Paine,	1867, June 6	1871, *A. p.*	70	196	266	47	51	1	52	1	5	1	7	33	3	275	160	941.33
Franklin,	1737	Henry C. Crane,	1873, Sept. 2	1874, *A. p.*	67	149	216	25	7	0	7	4	4	0	8	6	0	200	109	587.38
" South,	1855	Josiah Merrill,	1848, Mar. 1	1867, *A. p.*	6	20	26	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	45	35	20.00
Holbrook, Wiuthrop ch.,	1856				56	116	172	15	12	43	55	3	3	0	6	7	2	175	106	2,022.35
Hyde Park,	1863	Perley B Davis,	1862, Jan. 29	1867, Apr. 10	102	194	296	39	62	39	101	2	6	0	8	30	21	313	211	714.00
Medfield, 2d Cong. ch.,	1828	Joseph M. R. Eaton,	1845, Jan. 9	1867, *A. p.*	25	79	104	21	1	8	9	3	7	1	11	1	0	87	62	305.14
Medway, 1st ch., East,	1714	Ephraim O. Jameson,	1860, Mar. 1	1871, Nov. 15	41	89	130	27	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	206	129	455.83
" 2d ch., West,	1750	Jacob Ide, D. D., / S. Willard Segur,	1814, Nov. 2 / 1862, May 28	1814, Nov. 2 / 1873, May 7	94	189	283	20	4	3	7	4	0	0	4	1	1	216	137	740.00
" Village ch.,	1838	David Sanford, / Rufus K Harlow,	1828, May 28 / 1868, Oct. 15	1838, Oct. 3 / 1872, Feb. 13	61	159	220	40	2	7	9	7	4	0	11	1	2	125	100	928.75
Milton, 1st ch.,	1678	Albert K. Teele,	1844, July 15	1850, Dec. 18	42	76	118	20	14	6	20	0	0	0	0	0	3	70	50	285.00
" 2d ch., East,	1843	Hilary Bygrave,	1872, July 12	1873, *A. p.*	7	20	27	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	33	
Needham, Wellesley,	1798	George G. Phipps,	1868, Jan. 23	1868, Jan. 23	49	96	145	25	2	1	3	3	1	0	4	1	5	193	134	946.00
" Grantville,	1847	J. Lambdin Harris,	1860, Sept. 20	1874, June 18	27	34	61	15	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	92	68	400.00
" Ev. Cong. ch.,	1857				16	37	53	8	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	3	0	100	60	
Norfolk,	1839	[G. L. Dickinson, *Lic.*]		1873, *A. p.*	14	34	48	15	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	80	0.00
Norwood,	1736	Joseph P. Bixby,	1862, Apr. 30	1867, *A. p.*	45	102	147	15	6	1	7	2	3	0	5	5	6	156		230.89
Quincy, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1832	Edward Norton,	1864, Dec. 28	1874, June 16	41	149	190	60	10	28	38	1	2	0	3	5	7	250	155	424.28
Randolph, 1st ch.,	1731	John C. Labaree,	1863, Feb. 4	1865, Dec. 14	46	93	139	11	4	3	7	1	5	0	6	4	0	216	147	1,793.68
Sharon, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741	Henry C. Weston,	1869, Oct. 13	1874, Sept. 2	30	77	107	20	4	3	7	4	3	0	7	4	2	90	50	71.07
Stoughton, 1st ch.,	1744	Thomas Wilson,	1848, Mar. 1	1856, Mar. 13	53	79	132	20	21	2	23	2	1	0	3	20	2	225	136	217.14
Walpole,	1826	Henry L. Kendall,	1875, Jan. 27	1874, *A. p.*	50	126	176	30	2	0	2	6	2	0	8	1	1	133	92	710.37
Weymouth, 1st ch.,	1623	Franklin P Chapin,	1857, Nov. 11	1873, Oct. 22	48	89	137	14	26	6	32	3	0	0	3	20	0	115	72	422.24
" 2d ch., South,	1723	George F. Stanton,	1866, June 6	1870, Oct. 27	38	104	142	13	17	4	21	2	1	0	3	13	0	258	147	1,205.00
" and Braintree,	1811	Lucien H. Frary,	1869, Oct. 7	1875, Apr. 13	37	98	135	23	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	0	200	122	366.00
" Union ch., South,	1842	James McLean,	1859, Aug. 30	1872, Feb. 27	30	80	110	25	2	4	6	2	3	0	5	2	3	175	126	189.00
" Pilgrim ch., North,	1852	Louis B. Voorhees,	1871, Dec. 6	1871, Dec. 6	61	87	148	6	69	3	72	1	0	0	1	55	1	196	106	20 ,60
" East,	1800				95	150	245	26	14	6	20	3	3	0	6	12	1	271	186	520.00
" Lovell's Corner,	1872	Joseph C. Halliday,	1864, June 8	1872, *A. p.*	7	23	30	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1		100	75	150.00
Wrentham, 1st ch.,	1692	William R. Tompkins,	1856, Oct. 9	1866, *A. p.*	31	143	174	28	0	2	2	6	6	0	12	2	3	215	80	1,300.00
TOTAL: 37 churches.					1529	3519	5048	762	361	208	569	84	96	4	184	232	74	6167	3910	23,994.54

12. PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To	Ad.	In	To.	Av.	
Abington, 1st ch.,	1712	George E. Freeman,	1858, Oct. 5	1871, Dec. 26	64	107	171	6	0	2	2	5	3	1	9	0	2	220	150	774.73
" 4th ch., North,	1839	Jesse H. Jones,	1861. May 19	1873, *A. p.*	21	65	86	22	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0	0	125	70	7.27
Bridgewater, Cen. Sq. ch.	1821	Horace D. Walker,	1844, Feb. 13	1868, Apr. 9	52	103	155	20	20	2	22	2	8	0	10	16	3	300	170	586.54
" Scotland,	1836	Isaac Dunham,	1835, Mar. 20	1873, *A. p.*	22	47	69	3	21	2	23	2	1	0	3	20	0	55	40	40.00
Brockton, 1st ch.,	1740				75	167	242	21	3	6	9	4	7	0	11	2	0	258	156	233.38
" So. ch., Campello,	1837	Leverett S. Woodworth,	1874, Oct. 29	1874, Oct. 29	75	110	185	10	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	379	215	352.23
" Porter Ev. ch.,	1850	Robert G. S. McNeille,	1870, May 16	1872, Apr. 25	85	163	248	21	7	2	9	4	4	0	8	2	0	190	161	574.39
Carver, North,	1733	William W. Livingston,	1860, Apr. 27	1873, June 12	18	43	61	12	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	67	51	30.00
Duxbury, Pilgrim ch.,	1843	William W. Lyle,	1850, Sept. 1	1873, Nov. 5	21	49	70	6	2	4	6	2	1	0	3	2	2	152	125	50.00
E. Bridgewater, Un. ch.,	1826	D. Warren Richardson,	1862, Aug. 14	1875, *A. p.*	53	81	134	23	0	2	2	4	4	0	8	0	0	156	100	109.27
Halifax,	1734				20	42	62	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0		68	
Hanover, 1st ch.,	1728	Cyrus W Allen,	1833, Oct. 6	1871, *A. p.*	10	42	52	10	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	2	115	60	40.00
" 2d ch., Four Cor's,	1854	Timothy D. P. Stone,	1843, Mar. 4	1871, *A. p.*	18	32	50	2	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	2	40	30	100.00
Hanson,	1748	Samuel L. Rockwood,	1840, Mar. 11	1871, *A. p.*	9	22	31	9	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	79	48	80.00
Hingham, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1847	Austin S. Garver,	1872, Oct. 31	1872, Oct. 31	17	34	51	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	97	80	95.00
Kingston,	1828	Joseph Peckham,	1842, Nov. 30	1842, *A. p.*	14	47	61	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	85	65	100.00
Lakeville,	1725	Charles W. Wood,	1839, Oct. 29	1873, *A. p.*	42	54	96		5	2	7	1	0	0	1	5	0			
Marion,	1703	Charles A. Kingsbury,	1872, Nov. 14	1872, Nov. 14	41	62	103	17	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	97	170.52
Marshfield, 1st ch.,	1632	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.,	1843, Nov. 5	1850, Oct. 30	15	55	70	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	122	75	307 82
" 2d ch., East,	1835	William H. Cutler,	1865, Dec. 20	1874, *A. p.*	18	26	44	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	54	39	34.51
Mattapoisett,	1736				44	88	132	8	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	0	120	90	130.00
Middleborough, 1st ch.,	1694	Theophilus P. Sawin,	1843, Apr. 19	1875, *A. p.*	90	151	241	47	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	124	57	135.00
" North,	1748	Samuel H. Emery,	1837, Nov. 23	1874, *A. p.*	46	125	171	14	29	6	35	4	0	0	4	27	1	145	93	248.10
" Central ch.,	1847	Ellis R. Drake,	1868, Nov. 10	1871, Sept. 20	70	155	225	16	4	4	8	3	3	0	6	2	0	386	282	500.00
Plymouth, 2d ch., South,	1738	David Brigham,	1819, Dec. 29	1872, *A. p.*	27	55	82	5	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	2	75	50	91.06
" Ch. of the Pilgrimage.	1891	George A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1870, Apr. 13	71	201	272	37	3	3	6	4	3	10	17	2	0	290	180	806.45
" 4th ch., Chiltonville,	1818	William Henry Cobb,	1872, Sept. 18	1872, Sept. 18	52	90	142	33	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	1	85	55	45.25
" 5th ch , "	1862				37	60	97	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	50	35	0.00
Plympton,	1698	Philip Titcomb,	1847, Apr. 7	1868, *A. p.*	17	63	80	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	50	25.00
Rochester, Centre,	1703				21	57	78	20	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	69	43	79.21
" North,	1753	Lewis P. Atwood,	1855, Apr. 5	1875, *A. p.*	1	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rockland,	1813				74	160	234	18	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	4	2	262	147	1,790.66
Scituate,	1635	William B. Greene,	1855, Nov. 15	1873, *A. p.*	14	50	64	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	37	51.80
South Abington,	1807	John Thomson,	1869, Sept. 23	1871, *A. p.*	83	176	259	25	12	1	13	5	1	0	6	8	0	240	170	456 56
Wareham,	17 9	Isaiah C. Thacher,	1845, Dec. 25	1870, Oct. 27	29	82	111	10	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	0	3	150	100	306.00
TOTAL: 35 churches.					1366	2871	4237	510	132	45	177	81	64	11	156	98	23	5514	3256	8,350.75

13. SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Dl.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Boston:—																				
Charlestown, 1st,	1632				63	202	265	75	2	0	2	4	11	0	15	2	0	222	144	214.89
Old South ch.,	1669	Jacob M. Manning, D.D.,	1854, Jan. 3	1857, Mar. 11	108	252	360	60	4	18	22	12	7	0	19	1	1	168	105	10 587.87
Dorchester, 2d ch.,	1808	James H. Means, D. D.,	1848, July 13	1848, July 13	98	228	326	52	10	7	17	8	9	0	17	3	6	274	168	5,156 00
Park st. ch.,	1809				258	537	795	100	21	15	36	4	22	0	26	10	3	500	400	10,000.00
Union ch.,	1822	Neh. Adams, D.D.,	1829, Dec. 17	1834, Mar. 26	150	338	488	199	14	12	26	5	21	0	26	6	8	240	200	10,000.00
South, Phillips ch.,	1823	Edmund K. Alden, D.D.,	1850, Jan. 2	1859, Sept. 21	122	250	372	61	9	8	17	5	12	0	17	5	14	585	349	5,554.47
Salem & Mariners' ch.,	1827	Stephen H. Hayes,	1844, Aug. 20	1870, *A. p.*	58	58	116	17	1	2	3	0	13	0	13	0	0	164	98	425.00
Berkeley st. ch.,	1827	William B. Wright,	1862, Dec. 2	1867, Oct. 30	179	374	553		15	7	22	5	14	1	20	6	5	657	288	5,949.58
Brighton,	1827	Henry A. Stevens,	1861, Sept. 12	1874, June 11	36	94	130	32	0	6	6	3	7	0	10	0	3	183	75	642 42
Dorchester, Vil'ge ch.,	1829	Philander Thurston,	1869, Jan. 19	1875, Jan. 21	36	86	122	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	108	76	690.60
Cha'st'n, Winthrop ch.,	1833	Alexander S. Twombly,	1859, Feb. 10	1872, May 2	129	304	433	108	6	7	13	11	18	0	29	3	2	500	400	4,950.00
Highlands, Eliot ch.,	1834	A. C. Thompson, D.D., B. Franklin Hamilton,	1842, July 27	1842, July 27 1871, Nov. 9	123	257	380	79	11	16	27	9	6	0	15	5	4	373	237	2,939.64
Central ch.,	1835	John De Witt,	1865, June 9	1869, Dec. 1	90	245	335		0	8	8	3	22	0	25	0		385	235	9,937.49
West Roxbury, So. ch.	1835	Edward Strong, D.D.,	1842, Dec. 14	1872, May 2	20	65	85	12	0	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	140	88	3,368.10
East, Maverick ch.,	1836	John V. Hilton,	1860, July,	*P. e.*			476		8	10	18		7		7		8	537	382	1,080.79
Mount Vernon ch.,	1842	Samuel E. Herrick,	1863, Oct. 13	1871, Apr. 12	154	351	505	120	10	15	25	12	19	1	32	5	4	200	165	6,282 89
Shawmut ch.,	1845	Edwin B. Webb, D.D.,	1850, Sept. 11	1860, Oct. 5	179	351	530		12	37	49	5	22	0	27	3	5	820	564	11,605.51
Jamaica Pl'n, Cent. ch.	1853	Joseph B. Clark,	1861, Oct. 10	1872, Oct. 8	117	188	305	66	21	22	43	2	6	0	8	9	5	406	340	1,578.81
Highlands, Vine st. ch.	1857	John O. Means, D.D.,	1851, Dec. 3	1857, June 3	101	208	309	35	8	5	13	4	14	0	18	2	7	352	244	1,845.00
Neponset, Trin. ch.,	1859	Myron A. Munson,	1866, May 31	1874, *A. p.*	31	58	89	18	22	1	23	0	0	0	0	11	3	127	67	175.59
South, E street ch.,	1861	Edward A. Rand,	1865, Mar. 2	1867, June 18	83	172	255	59	9	26	35	4	6	0	10		3	322	186	470 86
Chambers st. ch.,	1861	George R. W. Scott,	1868, Sept. 17	1873, *A. p.*	30	118	148	26	8	8	16	0	7	0	7	4	9	321	180	211.25
Ward 16, Cott'ge st. ch.	1867				23	43	66	20	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	149	115	465.97
Highland ch.,	1869	Albert E. Dunning,	1870, Sept. 29	1870, Sept. 29	55	114	169	19	24	19	43	0	2	0	2	10	12	385	308	2,212.00
Highl's, Walnut av. ch.	1870	Albert H. Plumb,	1858, Nov. 10	1872, Jan. 4	58	109	167	10	5	19	24	0	2	0	2	4	11	316	206	3,228-42
" Holland ch.,	1873	Guy Van de Kreeke,	1873, Feb. 20	1873, Feb. 20	24	28	52	0	6	6	12	1	3	0	4	0	6	84	72	183.00
Chelsea, 1st ch.,	1841	Addison P. Foster,	1866, Oct. 3	1872, Oct. 9	225	437	662	70	48	11	59	10	11	3	24	18	10	631	386	5,265.55
" Central ch.,	1851	Charles P. H. Nason,	1874, June 24	1874, June 24			431		14	9	23	8	5	0	13	5	11	711	423	954.23
Revere,	1828	Frederic Palmer,	1874, Mar. 11	1874, Mar. 11	8	25	33	14	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0		50	34.90
TOTAL: 20 churches.					2846	6111	8957	1713	292	308	600	120	266	5	391	115	141	9935	6541	106,010.92

14. WORCESTER COUNTY.

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874				Bapt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
Ashburnham, 1st ch.,	1760	Leonard S. Parker,	1838, Jan. 16	1871, *A. p.*	47	91	138	10	3	11	14	8	43	0	51	2	2	170	131	412.00
" 2d ch.	1860	Charles Peabody,	1841, Dec. 8	1872, *A. p.*	6	7	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25	20.00
Athol,	1750	Temple Cutler,	1861, Feb. 20	1868, Mar. 4	90	194	284	35	17	9	26	1	6	0	7	14	1	420	252	772.27
Auburn,	1776	Elnathan Davis,	1839, Nov. 7	1869, *A. p.*	60	90	150	50	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	135	90	181.20
Barre, Ev. Cong. ch.,	1827	Edwin Smith,	1865, Jan. 11	1868, Oct. 29	54	148	202	41	3	4	7	3	1	0	4	2	1	225	90	656.00
Berlin,	1779	William A. Houghton,	1853, Oct. 26	1853, Oct. 26	63	94	157	41	19	3	22	0	1	0	1	12	6	161	83	127.18
Blackstone,	1841				9	30	39	9	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	75	60	0.00
Boylston,	1743	Francis F. Williams,	1853, Dec. 7	1874, *A. p.*	29	70	99	38	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	1	125	80	57.00
Brookfield,	1756	Joel M. Seymour,	1873, Oct. 8	1873, Oct. 8	57	80	137	41	8	5	13	3	1	0	4	6	2	148	103	587.17
Charlton, Cal. Cong. ch.,	1761	John Haven,	1836, Dec. 14	1850, Apr. 1	32	64	96	22	0	3	3	3	2	1	6	0	0	100	60	139.16
Clinton, 1st Ev. ch.,	1844	De Witt S. Clark,	1868, Nov. 11	1868, Nov. 11	108	234	342	40	11	3	14	7	13	3	23	3	2	380	257	1,435.50
Dana, Centre.	1852	[George Gibbs,]		1874, *A. p.*	8	16	24	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		27	0.00
Douglas, 1st ch.,	1747	William W. Dow,	1866, May 23	1874, *A. p.*	22	35	57	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	45	35.00
" East,	1834	William T. Briggs,	1846, Nov. 4	1866, Mar. 21	48	137	185	29	10	1	11	4	1	0	5	8	3	132	98	581.00
Dudley,	1732	William H. Wolcott,	1870, May 11	1873, *A. p.*	20	83	103	18	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0			115.00
Fitchburg, Calv. ch.,	1768	Henry M. Tyler,	1872, May 6	1872, Dec. 4	121	243	364	42	14	17	31	5	6	0	11	4	7	230	209	3,067.99
" Rollstone ch.,	1868	Leverett W. Spring,	1868, Apr. 16	1868, Apr. 16	104	192	296	14	8	12	20	3	10	0	13	4	4	280	190	1,972.87
Gardner, 1st ch.,	1786	William D. Herrick,	1860, Jan. 18	1874, June 11	66	157	223	28	6	4	10	4	17	0	21	3	2	250	165	315.97
Grafton,	1731	John H. Windsor,	1858, Dec. 22	1868, Sept. 29	66	149	215	59	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	1	1	183	120	700.00
" Saundersville,	1860	Alvan J. Bates,	1849, Aug. 1	1869, June 22	20	42	62	10	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	0	85	61	181.00
Hardwick, 1st Calv. ch.,	1736	Elbridge W. Merritt,	1866, Mar. 7	1873, June 5	14	44	58	13	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	2	2	78	47	100.00
" Gilbertville,	1867	Willard D. Brown,	1870, Dec. 6	1870, Dec. 6	10	37	47	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	100	80	73.60
Harvard,	1733	Stephen S. Morrill.	1859, May 12	1874, *A. p*	32	75	107	12	0	2	2	3	5	0	8	0	0	125	80	
Holden,	1742	William P. Paine, D.D.,	1833, Oct. 24	1833, Oct. 11	75	159	234	30	7	2	9	1	7	0	8	5	2	260	175	460.00
Hubbardston,	1770	John M. Stowe.	1855, Jan. 31	1870, Sept. 14	35	70	105	31	0	6	6	3	5	0	8	0	0	90	50	175.25
Lancaster,	1839	Abijah P. Marvin,	1844, Jan. 10	1872, May 1	40	85	125	30	2	5	7	2	3	0	5	2	4	112	60	512.99
Leicester, 1st Cong. ch.,	1721	Amos H. Coolidge,	1857, Apr. 21	1857, Apr. 21	96	159	255	39	8	4	12	6	4	1	11	6	7	300	178	926.41
Leominster,	1822	Henry A. Wales,	1866, Sept. 12	1874, *A. p.*	107	207	314	53	3	6	9	5	54	0	59	3	0	225	200	1,113.00
" North,	1874	Henry E. Cooley,	1866, Aug. 7	1874, Nov. 10	16	35	51	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	144	100	154.99
Lunenburg,	1835	Walter Rice,	1865, July 25	1875, June 8	35	70	105	21	1	7	8	3	5	2	10	1	1	150	70	118.96
Milford, 1st Cong. ch.,	1741	M. Richardson, D.D.,	1841, Oct. 28	1872, June 12	66	170	236	32	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	2	1	260	200	500.00
Millbury, 1st ch.,	1747	George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14	1872, Apr. 11	44	142	186	19	23	2	25	2	4	0	6	11	5	215	160	309.54
" 2d ch.,	1827	Stacy Fowler,	1862, Sept. 30	1866, Dec. 6	36	110	146	20	4	6	10	3	5	0	8	1	3	100	70	550.00
New Braintree,	1754	William B. Bond,	1840, Mar. 18	1872, Oct. 30	13	49	62	20	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	1	40	27	188.70
Northborough,	1832	Horace Dutton,	1868, Jan. 21	1870, *A. p.*	36	82	118	29	0	5	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	173	92	283.72
Northbridge, 1st ch.,	1782				18	57	75	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	75	150.00
" Whitinsville,	1834	John R. Thurston,	1859, Jan. 20	1871, Apr. 20	68	125	193	28	8	10	18	7	8	0	15	1	7	283	204	9,918.93

14. WORCESTER COUNTY — *Completed.*

Churches, 1875, January 1.		Ministers, 1875, July 1.			Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Admitted in 1874.			Removed in 1874.				Bpt. in 1874.		Sabbath School.		Benev. Contr.
Place and Name.	Org.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	P.	L.	To.	De.	Di.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	In.	To.	Av.	
No. Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1752	Gabriel H. De Bevoise,	1865, June 26	1868, Sept. 17	100	201	308	35	4	1	5	3	2	0	5	1	0	405	190	1,825.42
" Union ch.,	1854				37	66	103	22	0	0	0	4	14	0	18	0	0	104	93	300.00
Oakham,	1773	Alpha Morton,	1844, Feb. 13	1872, Dec. 18	61	131	192	24	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	225	147	422.14
Oxford,	1821	Thomas E. Babb,	1869, Jan. 19	1871, Sept. 20	62	139	201	24	23	3	26	10	6	1	17	12	5	220	150	1,009.66
Paxton,	1767	Francis J. Fairbanks,	1864, Aug. 31	1874, *A. p.*	45	85	130	24	2	4	6	0	4	0	4	0	0	160	104	158.50
Petersham,	1823				24	64	88	14	0	1	1	2	3	2	7	0	0	58	45	61.30
Phillipston,	1785	Chester L. Cushman,	1859, Nov. 20	1874, Sept. 30	50	100	152	18	11	3	14	3	2	0	5	1	0	150	102	337.86
Princeton, 1st ch., Centre	1764	George M. Howe,	1874, July 8	1874, July 8	38	99	137	0	12	3	15	3	1	0	4	8	0	138	100	100.00
Royalston, 1st ch.,	1766	Wilbur Johnson,	1865, Oct. 3	1874, June 3	40	87	127		0	6	6	5	1	0	6	0	1	108	87	*590.86
" 2d ch., South,	1837	J. Lewis Merrill,	1874, Oct. 28	1874, *A. p.*	40	65	105	23	1	3	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	110	73	78.79
Rutland,	1720	[W.H.Hubbard, *Presb.*]	1874, Oct. 29	1874, *A. p.*	68	122	190	40	1	0	1	2	10	0	12	1	0	220	120	106.00
Shrewsbury,	1723	E. Porter Dyer,	1839, Sept. 25	1867, Nov. 7	52	99	151	23	4	2	6	5	0	0	5	4	0	270	112	307.20
Southboro', Pilgrim ch.,	1831				31	76	107	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	82	236.83
" Southville,	1865	[H. Prescott, *lay pr.*]		1874, *A. p.*	7	20	27	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	77	41	0.00
Southbridge,	1801	Jeremiah E. Fullerton,	1870, Sept. 8	1873, July 22	49	132	181	44	9	5	14	4	2	0	6	3	25	160	90	867.04
Spencer,	1744	H. Allen Shorey,	1865, July 28	1873, Sept. 16	66	148	214	7	30	10	40	1	9	0	10	18	14	341	178	1,450.00
Sterling,	1852				14	53	67	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	0	60	45	40.00
Sturbridge,	1736	Martin L. Richardson,	1860, Mar. 7	1871, June 29	62	149	211	39	1	2	3	11	4	0	15	0	0	120	80	210.56
Sutton, 1st ch.,	1720	[Hiram A. Tracy, *Presb.*]	1835, Jan. 1	1871, *A. p.*	57	137	194	43	5	0	5	5	3	0	8	3	2	125	100	378 87
Templeton,	1832	Charles A. White,	1873, Sept. 3	1873, Sept. 3	37	84	121	21	6	9	15	1	14	0	15	3	2	140	80	362.13
" Baldwinville,	1874	Lewis P. Broad,	1873, Sept. 3	1873, *A. p.*	18	41	59	2	29	32	61	0	0	2	2	21	0	150	80	151.50
Upton,	1735				74	174	248	41	26	1	27	2	14	0	16	17	1	300	155	156.07
Uxbridge,	1730				33	115	148	44	2	0	2	5	9	0	14	1	2	280	140	866.30
Warren,	1745	Samuel J. Austin,	1857, Feb. 25	1868, Nov. 19	78	125	203	22	3	2	5	1	3	0	4	1	2	160	97	694.64
" West,	1866				16	20	36	7	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	44	60.00
Webster,	1838	Henry M. Rogers,	1865, Oct. 2	1874, Dec. 9	45	108	153	24	4	5	9	1	4	0	5	3	0	212	115	180.11
Westborough,	1724	Heman P. De Forest,	1867, Dec. 18	1871, Aug. 10	109	246	355	37	17	3	20	5	13	0	18	10	9	443	282	1,987.00
West Boylston,	1796	William W. Parker,	1858, Dec. 28	1873, *A. p.*	57	108	165	27	1	4	5	1	6	0	7	0	0	145	85	339.48
West Brookfield, 1st ch.,	1717				97	160	257		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	247		157.00
Westminster,	1742	Charles E. Cooledge,	1871, May 24	1874, *A. p.*	75	123	198	29	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	0	3	125	85	350.00
Winchendon, 1st ch.,	1762	Charles Rockwell,	1834, Sept. 23	1873, *A. p.*	32	47	79	21	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	1	0	50	35	165.00
" North ch.,	1843	Davis Foster,	1855, Nov. 1	1869, May 19	63	169	232	38	1	4	5	1	10	2	13	0	0	250	147	1,574.37
Worcester, 1st ch.,	1716				135	285	420	60	2	12	14	10	97	2	109	2		342		1,024.91
" Calvinist ch.,	1820	Seth Sweetser, D.D., / Henry E. Barnes,	1836, Nov. 23 / 1862, May 28	1838, Dec. 19 / 1874, Nov. 19	75	208	283	28	3	2	5	9	8	0	17	3	0	195	135	5,387.83
" Union ch.,	1836	Ebenezer Cutler, D.D.,	1850, Mar. 6	1855, Sept. 5	138	232	370	14	3	4	7	7	10	0	17	2	0	250	179	2,414.60
" Salem st. ch.,	1848	Charles M. Lamson,	1869, Aug. 5	1871, May 3	115	234	349	98	3	13	16	6	7	0	13	2	1	410	264	1,400.00
" Mission chap. ch.,	1865	Joseph W. Cross,	1834, Oct. 8	1874, *A. p.*	9	21	30	3	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	0	1			
" Plymouth ch.,	1869	George W. Phillips,	1864, Oct. 12	1871, Dec. 28	169	285	454	15	6	38	44	5	24	0	29	3	2	551	355	†696.95
" Piedmont ch.,	1872	George H. Gould, D.D.,	1862, Nov. 12	1872, *A. p.*	87	110	197		18	20	38	2	4	0	6	8	2	538	315	
" Tabernacle ch.,	1874	William M. Parry,		‡1874, Apr. 15	61	102	163	5	54	109	163	0	0	0	0	18	4	260	188	
TOTAL: 77 churches.					4206	8802	13008	1958	459	444	903	226	529	16	771	246	151	14489	9262	53,438.32

* Parsonage, $5,000 also.

† On new church, in two years, $67,262.84.

‡ Installed by church, without council.

SUMMARY.

Counties.	Churches.				Ministers.				Ch. Members, Jan. 1, 1875.				Additions in 1874.			Removals in 1874.				Bapt. 1874.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With Pas.	With A.P.	Vacant	Total.	Pastors.	Act. P'as.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs't.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.	Av. At.	
Barnstable.	6	9	5	20	6	9	0	15	544	1,306	1,850	261	73	23	96	32	18	0	50	39	11	2,128	1,315	$3,397 41
Berkshire.	18	6	12	36	18	6	10	34	1,557	3,218	4,775	734	410	189	599	93	185	10	288	234	83	4,794	3,099	20,833 03
Bristol . .	15	10	3	28	16	10	6	32	1,253	2,761	4,014	715	197	115	312	60	89	3	152	128	43	6,170	3,983	16,606 63
Dukes . .	0	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	71	132	203	10	0	1	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	145	120	20 00
Essex . . .	49	9	9	67	49	9	28	86	3,045	8,104	11,149	1,392	558	242	800	165	202	7	374	336	150	13.395	8,901	50,881 03
Franklin .	15	13	2	30	15	13	3	31	1,141	2,176	3,317	421	212	91	303	74	89	8	171	134	46	3,713	2,347	6,341 43
Hampden .	21	12	4	37	21	12	9	42	1,805	3,865	5,679	821	245	204	449	89	167	3	259	123	85	6,128	4,066	23,808 62
Hampshire.	27	9	3	39	27	8	14	49	2,461	4,863	7,324	988	232	142	374	165	165	17	345	107	105	6,916	4,423	29,344 27
Middlesex .	52	17	9	78	51	17	40	108	4,477	9,820	14,297	2,447	680	722	1,402	201	433	6	640	339	199	17,507	10,930	73.788 82
Nantucket .	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	45	273	318	45	18	5	23	1	6	4	11	16	0	198	151	*No report.*
Norfolk . .	19	10	8	37	21	10	11	42	1,529	3,519	5,048	762	361	208	569	84	96	4	184	232	74	6,167	3,910	23,994 54
Plymouth .	13	16	6	35	13	16	6	35	1,366	2,871	4,237	510	132	45	177	81	64	11	156	98	23	5,514	3,256	8,350 75
Suffolk . .	22	4	3	29	23	4	19	46	2,846	6,111	8,957	1.713	292	308	600	120	266	5	391	115	141	9,935	6,541	106,010 92
Worcester .	44	18	15	77	45	18	21	84	4,206	8,802	13,008	1,938	459	444	903	226	529	16	771	246	151	14,452	9,262	53,438 32
Total . .	301	136	80	517	305	134	167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2,295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	$416,815 77

This table necessarily omits one church formed since December 31, 1874.

Notes. — 1. Of the churches counted "vacant" above, 15 are supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.

2. The column of "other ministers" includes only such (not in pastoral service) as are members of our Associations and reside in Massachusetts. Many of those whose occupation is in Boston reside, and are counted, in other counties.

3. *Comparisons.* — New churches, 11; dropped, 2. Gain in church-membership, 1,688. Gain in Sabbath Schools, 4,514.

The average attendance in Sabbath Schools is .6412 of their total membership; in years next preceding, respectively, .6480, .6454, .6752, .6764, .6679, .6718.

Increase in Benevolent Contributions (499 churches reporting, 473 last year), $22,705.17.

Pastors a year ago, 314; of these, during the year, 2 died in office and 37 were dismissed; 11 persons were ordained pastors (one of them over two churches), and 19 other ministers (one over two churches and one as colleague) were installed; making 305 the present total. Ministers not pastors deceased, 8. Ordained without installation, 14.

Six churches have each two pastors: two ministers are pastors, each of two churches; one pastor is acting pastor of another church; and one pastor is acting pastor of another church whose aged pastor is retired but not dismissed.

Churches having pastors a year ago, 307; of these the pastors of two have died, and of 35 dismissed (not counting colleagues in two churches dismissed), making 37 more vacant churches; 12 vacant churches have had (11) pastors ordained during the year, and 19 vacant churches have had pastors installed (besides one received a colleague, while two churches received but one pastor), making 31 vacant churches supplied by settlement; total present number of churches with pastors, 301.

Licentiates under care, 54, — 27 of whom were approbated during the year.

For the above items of changes by counties, see table on next page; lists of new churches, ordinations, etc., follow; and comparison of "totals" with those of preceding years will be found in table further on.

RECORD OF CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

Table of Changes, by Counties.

COUNTIES.	Churches. Number. New.	Dropped.	Members. Gain.	Loss.	Ministers. The Pastorate. Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without installation.	Deaths. Pastors.	Others.	Sabbath Schools. Gain.	Loss.	Benevolent Contributions. Increase.	Decrease.
Barnstable . .	0	1	—	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	106	820.42	—
Berkshire . .	2	0	300	—	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	366	—	—	720.16
Bristol	2	0	107	—	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	618	—	3,020.22	—
Dukes	0	0	3	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	29	—	60.00
Essex	1	0	93	—	2	3	6	0	1	0	0	33	—	—	746.89
Franklin . . .	0	0	143	—	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	—	63	500.50	—
Hampden . .	0	0	165	—	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	70	—	3,785.42	—
Hampshire . .	0	0	—	28	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	403	—	64.35	—
Middlesex . .	3	1	542	—	3	4	6	1	2	1	1	1,757	—	5,394.38	—
Nantucket . .	0	0	65	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2	—	—
Norfolk . . .	0	0	286	—	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	246	—	1,999.01	—
Plymouth . .	0	0	40	—	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	550	—	1,096.90	—
Suffolk	0	0	—	127	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	—	42	7,638.13	—
Worcester . .	3	0	112	—	1	5	7	0	3	0	5	713	—	—	87.11
TOTAL, 1875 .	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	14	2	8	4,514	—	22,705.17	—
" 1874 .	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	4	11	11	2.150	—	—	42,248.88
" 1873 .	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	6	6	13	—	687	—	2,119.87
" 1872 .	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	4	7	13	332	—	98,649.52	—
" 1871 .	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	3	3	5	—	2293	2,010.21	—
" 1870 .	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9	14	—	700	37,726.82	—
" 1869 .	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	5	2	15	404	—	Unk'n.	
" 1868 .	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	3	1	5	2,620	—	"	
" 1867 .	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	8	2	15	3,713	—	"	
" 1866 .	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5	10	5	13	920	—	"	
" 1865 .	8	8	1,099	—						1	6	—	775	"	
" 1864 .	0	1	640	—						3	4	4,057	—	"	
" 1863 .	1	2	—	764						3	9	—	4	"	
" 1862 .	3	2	—	1394						4	6	750	—		
" 1861 .	6	4	—	734						4	7	2,035	—		
" 1860 .	6	3	—	413						9	6	—	161		
" 1859 .	5	2	7,608	—						2	6	7,075	—		
" 1858 .	9	0	1,087	—						1	4	3,023	—		
" 1857 .	3	3	—	426						2	5	3,325	—		
" 1856 .	8	2	—	494						4	6	715	—		
" 1855 .	5	1	532	—						6	6	940	—		
" 1854 .	3	1	294	—						8	3	—	841		
" 1853 .	5	5	1,174	—								619	—		
" 1852 .	2	2	—	288								—	908		
" 1851 .	7	7	2,467	—								2,249	—		

NOTE.—The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1st of the year mentioned; except that the columns under "Ministers" comprise the twelve months ending with the time of closing the "copy" for printing the Minutes, usually reckoned at June 30. The table by counties was begun in 1866; all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes,—the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table by counties, are given in detail on the next and succeeding pages.

CHANGES IN THE LIST OF CHURCHES.

NEW CHURCHES, with date of organization:

Berkshire Co., — Mt. Washington, December 11, 1874.
" " New Boston, in Sandisfield, December 16, 1874.
Bristol Co., — Falls Village, in Attleborough, March 31, 1874.
" " Third Church, Fall River, June 3, 1874.
Essex Co., — Rockville, in Peabody, April 14, 1874.
Middlesex Co., — Maplewood, in Malden, June 10, 1874.
" " Somerville, West, April 14, 1874.
" " " Union Square, December 30, 1874.
Worcester Co., — Leominster, North, May 6, 1874.
" " Baldwinville, in Templeton, June 4, 1874.
" " Worcester, Tabernacle church, April 7, 1874.

Turner's Falls, in Montague, Franklin Co., organized May 4, 1875, is later than the close of the statistical year, and therefore is not included in our summary.

CHURCHES DROPPED FROM THE LIST:

Barnstable Co., — North Dennis, some time supplied by Methodists (in union), and now regarded as Methodist.

Middlesex Co., — First church in Medford, for union, — the members uniting with the Mystic church.

CHANGES IN NAME, OR PLACE:

Essex Co., — Pawtucket church, Dracut, is now in Lowell, by annexation of part of Dracut to Lowell.

Plymouth Co., — Abington, South, is now incorporated as SOUTH ABINGTON.

Suffolk Co., — Winnisimmet church, Chelsea, has taken the name of "First church."

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

PASTORS ORDAINED:

Charles Anderson, over the two churches of Burlington and North Woburn, September 3, 1874. — (Hamilton College, 1869; one year in Auburn Theological Seminary, class of 1874; resident licentiate, Andover, 1873–4.)

John Henry Barrows, Eliot church, Lawrence, April 29, 1875. — (Olivet College, 1867; one year in Theological Department of Yale College, one year in Union Theological Seminary; and part of year in Andover, class of 1875.)

William Nathan Tisdale Dean, Somerset, February 3, 1875. — (Bangor Seminary, 1873, after five years' course; also resident licentiate, 1873–4, at Union Theological Seminary.)

George Flavel Humphreys, North church, Amherst, January 7, 1875. — (Williams College, 1871; Auburn Seminary, 1874.)

George Milton Howe, Princeton, July 8, 1874. — (Amherst, 1871; Andover, 1874.)

Samuel Sherberne Mathews, Wilmington, October 23, 1874. — (Andover, 1874.)

Frederic Palmer, Revere, March 11, 1875. — (Harvard, 1869; Andover, 1872.)

Charles Rollin Seymour, North church, Newburyport, October 8, 1874. — (Western Reserve, 1870; Andover, 1874.)

George Frederick Swain, Pepperell, May 12, 1875. — (Studied in private.)

Cyrus Baxter Whitcomb, Chester Depot, October 14, 1874. — (Theological Department of Yale College, 1872.)

Leverett Supply Woodworth, Campello, October 29, 1874. — (Brown, 1871; Andover, 1874.)

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION:

John Campbell Edgar, at Saundersville, June 13, 1875. (Early education in England; Bangor, 1875.)

Charles Winthrop Fifield, at Petersham, October 14, 1874. (Yale, 1864; Yale Seminary, 1871.)

Robert Frame Gordon, at Fall River, May 12, 1875. (Studied in private.)

William Hamilton, at Hyde Park, October 15, 1874. (Miami University, 1866; Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest, 1866–'8.)

John Edwin Hurlbut, Mittineague, in West Springfield, March 24, 1875. — (Theological Institute of Connecticut, 1874.)

Frank Duncan Kelsey, at Marblehead, July 7, 1874. (Marietta, 1870; Andover 1874.)

Calvin Keyser, at Fall River, May 25, 1875. (Amherst, 1871; Union Theological Seminary, 1875.)

Henry Lucien Kendall, at Walpole, January 27, 1875. (Brown University, 1871; Andover, 1874.)

Albert Livermore, at Miller's Falls, in Montague, November 18, 1874. (Amherst, 1868; Andover, 1873.)

James Lewis Merritt, at South Royalston, October 28, 1874. (Dartmouth, 1870; six months in Andover Theological Seminary.)

Peter Benton Shiere, at Maynard, September 8, 1874. (Brown University, 1870; Theological Institute of Connecticut, 1873.)

Joseph Nee-Sima, in Boston, September 24, 1874, for mission to Japan, his native land.

Sedgwick Porter Wilder, at Springfield, May 28, 1875. (Beloit College, 1871; Yale, 1875.)

Albert Edward Winship, at Somerville, March 17, 1875. (At Andover Theological Seminary; one year as licentiate, having previously been in service in the Methodist ministry.)

PASTORS INSTALLED:

Charles H. Baldwin, Medford, June 30, 1875.

Henry E. Barnes, Calvinist church, Worcester (colleague pastor), November 19, 1874.

Joseph C. Bodwell, Jr., Stockbridge, October 6, 1874.

Henry E. Cooley, North Leominster, November 10, 1874.

Chester L. Cushman, Phillipston, September 30, 1874.

Marshall M. Cutter, West Medford, October 14, 1874.

R. Henry Davis, Granby, February 16, 1875.

John L. Ewell, Belmont, December 10, 1874.

Lucien H. Frary, Weymouth and Braintree, April 13, 1875.

Samuel M. Freeland, Eliot church, Newton, May 11, 1875.

Samuel Hopley, West Stockbridge Centre, September 3, 1874.

William R. Joyslin, Rowley, December 2, 1874.

Walter Rice, Lunenburg, June 8, 1875.

Henry M. Rogers, Webster, December 9, 1874.

[Darius B. Scott, the two churches in Lynnfield, September 3, 1874.
William A. Spaulding, Chestnut-street church, Lynn, September 9, 1874.
Reuen Thomas, Brookline, May 4, 1875.
Philander Thurston, Village church, Boston, January 21, 1875.
Henry C. Weston, Sharon, September 2, 1874.

PASTORS DISMISSED:

John S. Batchelder, Webster.
William J. Batt, Leominster, July 15, 1874.
Thomas R. Beeber, colleague pastor, First church, Georgetown, March 18, 1875.
Robert C. Bell, Orange, April 12, 1875.
Thomas C. Biscoe, Uxbridge, May 26, 1875.
Joseph Boardman, Dracut, October 6, 1874.
Richard B. Bull, West Brookfield, July 6, 1874.
Edward B. Chamberlain, South Wilbraham.
Edward Chase, Bedford, March 17, 1875.
Henry E. Cooley, Littleton, October 29, 1874.
Thomas Crowther, South church, Pittsfield, May 4, 1875.
Chester L. Cushman, Ludlow, September 1, 1874.
William H. Cutler, Freetown, May 27, 1875.
Stephen R. Dennen, First church, Lynn, March 29, 1875.
William H. Dowden, Lunenburg, March 31, 1875.
Francis F. Ford, First church, Charlestown, December 3, 1874.
Lucien H. Frary, Middleton, March 16, 1875.
Hiram W. Gilbert, Peru, October 13, 1874.
Richard G. Greene, North church, Springfield, November 24, 1874.
Frederick A. Hand, Cottage street, Dorchester, March 31, 1875.
Hartford P. Leonard, Westport, March 16, 1875.
Henry A. Lounsbury, Shirley, resigned and left, but not yet formally dismissed. Now in Europe.
Elbridge P. McElroy, East Weymouth, April 28, 1875.
D. Allen Morehouse, Essex, September 14, 1874.
Theodore T. Munger, Eliot church, Lawrence, February 15, 1875.
William H. H. Murray, Park-street church, Boston, October 24, 1874.
Henry H. Olds, West Granville.
Edwin B. Palmer, Third church, Chicopee, March 23, 1875.
Henry M. Parsons (colleague pastor), Union church, Boston, December 30, 1874.
Daniel Phillips, North Chelmsford.
William C. Reed, South Dennis, December 10, 1874.
Edward G. Smith, Mattapoisett, June 22, 1875.
Augustus C. Swain, Evangelical church, Needham.
Philander Thurston, Sudbury, September 22, 1874.
Alfred E. Tracy, Harvard, September 22, 1874.
James M. Whiton, PH. D., North church, Lynn, April 21, 1875.
John E. M. Wright, Upton, April 7, 1875.

MINISTERS DECEASED (to June 30, 1875):

GORHAM DUMMER ABBOT, LL. D., without charge. Born in Brunswick, Me., September 3, 1807; son of Jacob and Betsey (Abbot) Abbot. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1826; (LL. D. Ingham, 1860) ;was in Andover Theological Seminary, between one and two years, Class of 1831. Ordained, Presbyterian, December 25, 1837, and for several years, ending in 1843, was stated supply of the Presbyterian

church at New Rochelle, N. Y. In 1843 the three brothers, Jacob, Gorham D., and Charles, opened, in New York City, a school for young ladies. In 1846 Gorham D. took the Senior Class as a nucleus for a separate school of the highest grade. This school afterwards became the Spingler Institute, which bore so distinguished a reputation under his care. After ceasing his connection with it, some time after 1861 he removed to South Natick, Mass., where he supplied the Congregational church there. He resided there until his death, in that place, August 3, 1874. He was a member of Middlesex South Association.

TIMOTHY ATKINSON, acting pastor. Born in Ipswich, England, July 4, 1806; son of Rev. Charles and Deborah (Notcutt) Atkinson. (His father was for many years pastor of Congregational Church in Ipswich; his mother's father was Rev. William Notcutt, who was also the son of a Congregational minister.) Timothy Atkinson was, at first, in business in London, but determining to enter the ministry, he was educated at Homerton. Ordained pastor at Hounslow, October 2, 1832, and remained about two years. Then pastor at Halstead until, in 1837, he went to Canada, in the work of the Colonial Missionary Society, and at once began labor in Quebec, where he organized the Congregational Church. His health failing in that climate, he left that church in 1845, and began labor in Lowell, Mass., where, in 1846, the High Street Church was organized under his care. In 1850 he left it, and went to Brooklyn, N. Y., to take pastoral care of Bridge Street Church (lately represented in the Elm Place Church), with which he remained three years. He was (the first) Secretary of the American Congregational Union, 1853 to 1855. Pastor at Westport, Ct., June 11, 1856, to April 25, 1864. Acting pastor of Independent Church at Nahant, Mass., 1864 to 1867. Acting pastor at Orange Second Valley, N. J., 1867 to 1870. Acting pastor at Norton, Mass., from June 1, 1872, where he was nominally in charge at the time of his death, although by resignation after his last service (in May) his connection was to terminate with August, 1875. He died, of lingering disease, at Norton, June 29, 1875. Mr. Atkinson's sister, Mrs. Payne, died a missionary in India; and his only surviving brother, Rev. Theophilus Atkinson, is a missionary in South Africa, having been in that service over forty years.

DAVID BANCROFT, pastor. Born in Rindge, N. H., February 10, 1809; son of David and Susan (Messenger) Bancroft. Graduated at Amherst College, 1835; at Theological Institute of Connecticut, 1838. Ordained pastor at Willington, Ct., October 30, 1839, remaining until January, 1858. Pastor at Prescott, Mass., June 8, 1858, until his death, at that place, March 11, 1875.

WILLIAM AUSTIN BENTON, without charge. Born in Tolland, Conn., October 11, 1817; son of Deacon Azariah and Presendia (Ladd) Benton. Spent two years in Williams College, and in 1843 graduated at Yale; in East Windsor, 1846. Ordained in his native town, May 18, 1847, for foreign missionary work. On the 21st of the following month sailed from Boston, as missionary of the American Board, for Syria and Palestine. Arriving in Beirut in October, he spent the winter in the study of Arabic, and in April, 1848, went to Aleppo, where he labored with zeal and success until February, 1851, when, in consequence of the failure of his health, he left Aleppo, and in a few months returned to this country. Re-embarking for Syria in January, 1853, he remained in connection with the Board until 1861, and in missionary work until the spring of 1869. The remaining years of his life were spent in America. He died very suddenly, in Barre, Mass., August 23, 1874.

PRESTON CUMMINGS, without charge. Born in Seekonk, Mass., May 1, 1800; son of David and Hipsey Cummings. Graduated at Brown University, 1822.

Studied theology under the care of Rev. Calvin Park, D. D., who was then Professor in Brown University. Ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, N. Y., August 22, 1825, remaining until February, 1827. Pastor of Congregational church, Dighton, Mass., December 26, 1827, until October 5, 1835. Pastor of North church, Wrentham, Mass., July 6, 1836, until January 1, 1838. Pastor at Buckland, Mass., January 1, 1840, until January 1, 1848. Was never again settled, but subsequently preached occasionally, at one time supplying Dighton a year and a half. He resided for some years at Holden, afterwards with a son at Leicester, and died at Holden, April 8, 1875. In 1852 he published a useful "Dictionary of Congregational Principles and Usages," which reached three editions.

SIDNEY HOLMAN, without charge. Born in Royalston, Mass., January 5, 1800; son of . . . . and . . . . Holman. Graduated at Williams College, 1830; was two years in Auburn Theological Seminary, Class of 1834. Ordained pastor at Saugus, Mass., January 16, 1833, remaining until 1835. Pastor at East Putnam, Conn., March 29, 1836, to April, 1838. Pastor at Grass Hill, Millbury, Mass., July 1, 1840, to 1851. Without charge, West Millbury, Mass., 1852 to 1855; and at Holyoke, Mass. (teacher), 1855 to 1861. Acting pastor at Goshen, Mass., 1862 to 1866. Acting pastor at Windsor, Mass., 1866 to 1869. Acting pastor at East Wethersfield, Vt., 1871 to 1874. Returned to Goshen, Mass., where he died December 31, 1874.

HORACE JAMES, without charge. Born in Medford, Mass., May 6, 1818; son of Dea. Galen and Mary Rand (Turner) James. Graduated at Yale College, 1840; Andover, 1843. Ordained pastor at Wrentham, Mass., November 1, 1843, remaining until December, 1852. Pastor of the First church, Worcester, Mass., February 3, 1853, to the autumn of 1864. Chaplain 25th Mass. Vols., October 28, 1861, to February 19, 1864, when he was commissioned Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, with the rank of Captain, and assigned to the superintendence of Freedmen in North Carolina; mustered out January 8, 1866. Pastor of First church, Lowell, Mass., October 31, 1867, to December 13, 1870. Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian, 1870 to 1871 (when the Congregationalists withdrew from that Society). Acting pastor and pastor-elect, Second church, Greenwich, Ct., one year from November 1, 1871; spent ten months of 1872–3 in Europe, and then returned to fulfil his engagement to become pastor at Greenwich, but in a fortnight after landing had hemorrhage from the lungs, and never regained his health. He died at his residence in Boylston, Mass., June 9, 1875.

JAMES TOMB MCCOLLOM, pastor at Medford. Born in Salem, N. Y., September 20, 1814; son of John and Margaret (Graham) McCollom. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1835, and was tutor 1837–8; at Andover Theological Seminary, 1840. Ordained pastor at Pittston, Me., June 25, 1841, remaining until September 24, 1844. Pastor at Great Falls, N. H., October 2, 1844, to December 25, 1853. Pastor at Bradford, Mass., January 25, 1854, to September 19, 1865. Pastor of Trinitarian church, Medford, Mass., November 8, 1865, until his death, at that place, November 25, 1874.

ROYAL BYRON STRATTON, without charge. Born in Potsdam, N. Y., January 10, 1827; son of Daniel and Lucinda (Judd) Stratton. Ordained, Methodist, in 1848, at Adams, N. Y., and was stationed at Lawrenceville, Moira, and Malone. In 1851 was stationed at Sacramento, Cal., until 1853; afterwards at Yreka, Cal., and preaching in adjacent places. In 1858 was stationed at Little Falls, N. Y., and afterwards at Albany. Entered the military service as Chaplain of the 16th

Infantry, N. Y. State Volunteers. Was pastor of the Congregational church at Great Barrington, Mass., March 1, 1864, to 1867. Pastor of First church, Worcester, January 2, 1867, to April 25, 1872, when, having become insane, he was placed in the asylum in Worcester, where he died January 25, 1875.

GEORGE TRASK, without pastoral charge. Born in Beverly, Mass., August 15, 1798; son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Wallis) Trask. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1826; at Andover Theological Seminary, 1829. Ordained pastor of First church, Framingham, Mass., September 15, 1830, remaining until April 27, 1836. Pastor at Warren, Mass., November 23, 1836, to April, 1847. Pastor of Trinitarian church, Fitchburg, Mass., 1848 to July, 1850. From that date resided in Fitchburg, engaged in temperance labor, especially against the use of tobacco, until his death, at that place, January 25, 1875.

CONTINUED TABLE OF DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

YEAR.*	NUMBER.	AVERAGE AGE.	AVERAGE MINISTERIAL AGE.†
1875	10	65 0 19	36 11 18
1874	22	60 4 8	31 2 25
1873	19	66 7 2	35 5 18
1872	20	68 4 17	39 5 8
1871	8	57 9	30 5 27
1870	23	61 1	31 5 11
1869	17	66 3	37 11 17
1868	6	74 8	44 9 0
1867	17	68 3	42 4 3
1866	18	62 6	32 6 21
1865	7	62 3	33 2 25
1864	7	59 10	30 9 25
1863	12	54 0	24 10 7
1862	10	59 7	31 6 15
1861	11	62 0	33 11 12
1860	15	64 6	37 6 25
1859	8	60 3	32 3 17
1858	5	67 5	39 6 10
1857	7	65 5	38 0 2
1856	10	65 2	37 1 12
1855	12	69 7	41 9 15
1854	11	52 4	24 11 2
22 years.	275	62 7 25	35 1 5

Of these, there were under thirty years of age, 6; thirty and under forty, 22; forty and under fifty, 35; fifty and under sixty, 33; sixty and under seventy, 67; seventy and under eighty, 64; eighty and under ninety, 42; ninety and upwards, 6.

* The year is that ending (usually) with June. That is, "1875" in this column means the year ending June 30, 1875.

† This is reckoned from the date of ordination.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

REPORTS have been received from every church in the State. The faithful earnestness of the Scribes of the local organizations in obtaining the statistics, and their industry in obtaining them in season to have all the county tables put in type before the session of the General Association, deserve special mention. The county tables were laid before the Association, in type, and proofs were sent to the Scribes for revision and correction.

Comparisons of the details of this year with those of last year will be found on page 155; with those of preceding years, in the continued summary on the next page.

The *additions by profession* are greater than those of any other year, save two, in the last twenty-five years.

The gain in *Sabbath Schools* is larger than in any year, save one, during the same period.

Benevolent Contributions show an increase of $22,705.17, as against a decrease in the preceding year of $42,248.88.

The number of *settled pastors* shows a small decrease; the number of *acting pastors* a decided increase; and the number of vacant churches a small decrease.

The number of *ministers deceased* is but 10, as against 22 the preceding year; of these 10, 2 were settled pastors, 1 acting pastor, and 7 without charge. The *average age*, 65 years and 19 days, is noticeable.

A. H. Q.

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

YEAR.	Churches.				Ministers.				Church Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Bapt.		In Sab. Schs.		Benev. Contributions.
	Wth Pas.	Wth A.P	Vacant	Total.	Pastors.	Act. Pas.	Oth ers.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Total	Adult	Infant	Total.	Av. at.	
1875	301	136	80	517	305	134	167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2,295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62 295	$416,815.77
1874	307	116	85	508	314	116	166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92.646	60,036	394,110.60
1873	307	127	73	507	316	127	173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,297	915	90,496	58.405	436,359.48
1872	299	123	81	503	304	123	164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479.35
1871	292	134	75	501	297	134	166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2.009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	339,829.84
1870	294	119	89	502	298	117	176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2 308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,819 62
1869	311	116	73	500	314	115	172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11.970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,092.80
1868	301	113	82	496	307	112	156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,780	298,533,04
1867	295	114	87	496	300	113	154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11.695	4.644	2,316	6,960	1,220	2.051	114	3,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,321.72
1866	310	109	74	493	316	107	166	589	23,177	51,178	74,955	11.147	2,153	1.696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3.108	1,010	987	87,107	60.036	392,244.09
1865	313	100	76	489	318	101	147	566	23,488	51.730	75,218	11.706	3,630	1,790	4,320	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
1864	317	99	73	489	324	98	164	586	22,965	48,989	74,119	11,511	2,145	1,459	3,604	1,429	1,473	109	3,011	1,011	1,057	86,962		
1863	320	111	58	489	323	110	163	596	22,262	48,520	73,479	11,520	1,523	1,404	2,928	1,187	1,390	92	2,756	660	592	82,904		
1862	315	97	79	491	323	95	157	575	23,218	49,976	74,243	11,890	1,346	1,502	2,848	1,225	1,357	87	2.669	646	1,066	82,909		
1861	327	99	64	490	322	81	169	572	24,112	51,525	75,637	10,999	976	1,676	2,652	1,233	1,598	131	2,962	469	1,177	82,159		
1860	325	81	82	488	333	78	176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1859	325	79	81	485	340	78	168	586	24,168	51,434	76,784	10,553	8,811	2,529	11,340	1,188	2.410	78	3,676	4,095	1,719	80,285		
1858	348	64	70	482	358	63	129	550	21,426	46,668	69,176	10,614	2,993	2,027	5,020	1.135	1,949	87	3,171	1,293	1,411	73,210		
1857	344	56	73	473	350	60	150	560	21,057	45,548	68,089	10,389	1.848	1,710	3,558	1,181	1,849	155	3,185	795	1,370	70,187		
1856	345	65	63	473	356	63	139	558	20,565	45,391	68,515	9,534	2,444	1,790	4,234	1,082	1.801	101	2,984	1,032	1,279	66,862		
1855	351	54	62	467	366	55	135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1.254	66,147		
1854	350	49	64	463	369	46	144	543	22,645	45,037	68,477	*6,513	1,681	2.063	3,744	974	1,151	91	2,216	719	1,203	65,207		
1853	359	54	48	461	374	51	117	542	21,801	46,272	68,183	*6,702	2,114	1,775	3,889	1.111	1,592	103	2,706	774	1,318	66,048		
1852	337	62	62	461	347	60					67,009		1,674	1,599	3,273	979	1,384	81	2,444	641	1,251	65,429		
1851	348	63	50	461	359	65					67,297		3,449	1,975	5,424	949	1,589	110	2,648	1,371	1,477	66,427		
1850	347	58	56	461	356	56					64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845				440							65,467											62,108		
1840				408							62,513											62,305		
1835				387							49,089											44.040		
1830				347							37,987											34,787		

Prior to 1830, number of churches at given dates: In 1620, —1; 1630, —2; 1635, —13; 1640, —26; 1650, —39: 1700, —83; 1750, —239; June 17, 1775, —298; July 4, 1776, —300; 1790, —324; 1800, —343; 1810, —281, (having dropped all that ever became Unitarian); 1820, —251; 1825, —310.

In the above table the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The pastoral supply (only) was regularly corrected to a date some months later than January 1 (usually July), but this does not change the general accuracy in any case. The number of *churches, members*, and of *Sabbath Schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned.

* Absentees prior to 1855 doubtless stated too low by defective returns.

INDEX OF ALL TOWNS AND CITIES

IN MASSACHUSETTS,

AND OF SUCH PARTS OF TOWNS (HAVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES) AS HAVE DISTINCT NAMES.

The county is here given in italics. The statistics of churches in any town will be found in the county tables (pages 140–154). The *number* affixed to any town, in this list, is the number of the Conference (pages 113–121) with which its churches are connected. If no such number is given, the church is not connected with a Conference. "No Church" means only "no Congregational church." The population of such towns, by census of 1870, is given in parenthesis.

Abington, *Plymouth*, 15.
Acton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Acushnet, *Bristol*; *no church* in the *town*, but New Bedford 1st is in Acushnet *village*. (1132.)
Adams, *Berkshire*, 3.
Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Alford, *Berkshire*, 4.
Amesbury, *Essex*, 6.
Amherst, *Hampshire*, 11.
Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Arlington, *Middlesex*, 18.
Ashburnham, *Worcester*, 24.
Ashby, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ashfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Ashland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Assonet, in Freetown, *Bristol*, 21.
Athol, *Worcester*, 24.
Attleborough, *Bristol*, 21.
Auburn, *Worcester*, 23.
Auburndale, in Newton, *Middlesex*, 19.
Ayer, *Middlesex*, 14.
Ballardvale, in Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Baldwinville, in Templeton, *Worcester*, 24.
Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Barre, *Worcester*, 5.
Becket, *Berkshire*, 3, 4.
Bedford, *Middlesex*, 22.
Beech Woods, in Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Belchertown, *Hampshire*, 11.
Belleville, in Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
Bellingham, *Norfolk*; *no church*. (1282.)
Belmont, *Middlesex*, 20.
Berkley, *Bristol*, 21.
Berlin, *Worcester*, 23.
Bernardston, *Franklin*, 8.
Beverly, *Essex*, 7.
Billerica, *Middlesex*, 22.
Blackstone, *Worcester*, 25.
Blandford, *Hampden*, 9.
Bolton, *Worcester*; *no church*. (1014.)
Boston, *Suffolk*, 18, 19, 20.
Boxborough, *Middlesex*, 14.
Boxford, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Boylston, *Worcester*, 23.
Bradford, *Essex*, 6.
Braintree, *Norfolk*, 15.
Brewster, *Barnstable*; *no church*. (1259.)
Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15, 21.
Brighton, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 20.
Brimfield, *Hampden*, 5.
Brockton, *Plymouth*, 15.
Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Brookline, *Norfolk*, 20.
Buckland, *Franklin*, 8.
Burlington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Byfield, in Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Cambridge, *Middlesex*, 18.
Campello, in Brockton, *Plymouth*, 15.
Canton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Carlisle, *Middlesex*, 22.
Carver, *Plymouth*, 17.
Centreville, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2
Charlemont, *Franklin*, 8.
Charlestown, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 18.
Charlton, *Worcester*, 5.
Chatham, *Barnstable*, 2.
Chelmsford, *Middlesex*, 1.
Chelsea, *Suffolk*, 18.
Cheshire, *Berkshire*; *no church*. (1758.)
Chester, *Hampden*, 9.
Chesterfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Chicopee, *Hampden*, 6.
Chilmark, *Dukes*, 16.

Chiltonville, in Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Clarksburg, *Berkshire; no church.* (686.)
Clinton, *Worcester*, 21.
Cohasset, *Norfolk*, 15.
Coleraine, *Franklin*, 8.
Concord, *Middlesex*, 13.
Conway, *Franklin*, 8.
Cummington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Curtisville, in Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Dalton, *Berkshire*, 3.
Dana, *Worcester*, 5.
Danvers, *Essex*, 7.
Dartmouth, *Bristol*, 16.
Dedham, *Norfolk*, 19.
Deerfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Dennis, *Barnstable*, 1.
Dighton, *Bristol*, 21.
Dorchester, Ward 16, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Douglas, *Worcester*, 25.
Dover, *Norfolk*, 13.
Dracut, *Middlesex*, 1.
Dudley, *Worcester*, 5.
Dunstable, *Middlesex*, 14.
Duxbury, *Plymouth*, 17.
East Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 15.
Eastham, *Barnstable; no church.* (648.)
Easthampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Easton, *Bristol*, 15.
Edgartown, *Dukes*, 16.
Egremont, *Berkshire*, 4.
Enfield, *Hampshire*, 11.
Erving, *Franklin*, 8.
Essex, *Essex*, 7.
Everett, *Middlesex*, 18.
Fairhaven, *Bristol*, 16.
Fall River, *Bristol*, 21.
Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Feeding Hills, in Agawam, *Hampden*, 9.
Fitchburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Florence, in Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Florida, *Berkshire; no church.* (1322.)
Foxborough, *Norfolk*, 12.
Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Franklin, *Norfolk*, 12.
Freetown, *Bristol*, 21.
Gardner, *Worcester*, 24.
Gay Head, *Dukes; no church.* (160.)
Georgetown, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Gilbertville, in Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Gill, *Franklin*, 8.
Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Goshen, *Hampshire*, 10.
Gosnold, *Dukes; no church.* (99.)
Grafton, *Worcester*, 25.
Granby, *Hampshire*, 21.
Grantville, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 20.
Granville, *Hampden*, 9.
Great Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Greenfield, *Franklin*, 8.
Greenwich, *Hampshire*, 11.
Groton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Groveland, *Essex*, 6.
Hadley, *Hampshire*, 11.
Halifax, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hamilton, *Essex*, 7.
Hancock, *Berkshire; no church.* (862.
Hanover, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hanson, *Plymouth*, 17.
Hardwick, *Worcester*, 5.
Harwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Harvard, *Worcester*, 14.
Hatfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Haverhill, *Essex*, 6.
Hawley, *Franklin*, 8.
Haydenville, in Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Heath, *Franklin*, 8.
Hingham, *Plymouth*, 15.
Hinsdale, *Berkshire*, 3.
Holbrook, *Norfolk*, 15.
Holden, *Worcester*, 22.
Holland, *Hampden*, 5.
Holliston, *Middlesex*, 13.
Holyoke, *Hampden*, 9.
Hopkinton, *Middlesex*, 13.
Housatonic, in Gt. Barrington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Hubbardston, *Worcester*, 24.
Hudson, *Middlesex; no church.* (3389.)
Hull, *Plymouth; no church.* (261.)
Huntington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Hyannis, in Barnstable, *Barnstable*, 2.
Hyde Park, *Norfolk*, 19.
Indian Orchard, in Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Ipswich, *Essex*, 6, 7.
Jamaica Plain, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Kingston, *Plymouth*, 17.
Lakeville, *Plymouth*, 21.
Lancaster, *Worcester*, 14.
Lanesborough, *Berkshire*, 3.
Lanesville, in Gloucester, *Essex*, 7.
Lawrence, *Essex*, 1.
Lee, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leicester, *Worcester*, 23.
Lenox, *Berkshire*, 4.
Leominster, *Worcester*, 14
Leverett, *Franklin*, 8, 11.
Lexington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Leyden, *Franklin; no church.* (518.)
Lincoln, *Middlesex*, 13.
Linebrook, in Ipswich, *Essex*, 6.
Littleton, *Middlesex*, 14.
Longmeadow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lovell's Corner, in Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Lowell, *Middlesex*, 1.
Ludlow, *Hampden*, 9.
Lunenburg, *Worcester*, 14.
Lynn, *Essex*, 7.

Lynnfield, *Essex*, 7.
Malden, *Middlesex*, 22.
Manchester, *Essex*, 7.
Mansfield, *Bristol*, 12.
Maplewood, in Malden, *Middlesex*, 22.
Marblehead, *Essex*, 7.
Marion, *Plymouth*, 16.
Marlborough, *Middlesex*, 13.
Marshfield, *Plymouth*, 17.
Mashpee, *Barnstable; no church.* (348.)
Mattapoisett, *Plymouth*, 16.
Maynard, *Middlesex*, 13.
Medfield, *Norfolk*, 12.
Medford, *Middlesex*, 22.
Medway, *Norfolk*, 12.
Melrose, *Middlesex*, 22.
Mendon, *Worcester; no church.* (1175.)
Methuen, *Essex*, 1.
Middleborough, *Plymouth*, 16, 21.
Middlefield, *Hampshire*, 3.
Middleton, *Essex*, 7.
Milford, *Worcester*, 12.
Millbury, *Worcester*, 25.
Miller's Falls, in Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Mill River, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
Milton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Mittineague, in W. Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Monroe, *Franklin; no church.* (201.)
Monson, *Hampden*, 9.
Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Monterey, *Berkshire*, 4.
Montgomery, *Hampden*, 9.
Mt. Washington, *Berkshire*, 4.
Nahant, *Essex; no church.* (475.)
Nantucket, *Nantucket*, 1.
Natick, *Middlesex*, 13.
Needham, *Norfolk*, 13, 20.
Neponset, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
New Ashford, *Berkshire; no church.* (208.)
New Bedford, *Bristol*, 16.
New Boston, in Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Braintree, *Worcester*, 5.
Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Newburyport, *Essex*, 6.
New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4.
New Salem, *Franklin*, 24.
Newton, *Middlesex*, 20.
Norfolk, *Norfolk*, 12.
Northampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
North Andover, *Essex*, 1.
Northborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Northbridge, *Worcester*, 25.
North Brookfield, *Worcester*, 25.
Northfield, *Franklin*, 8.
North Reading, *Middlesex*, 22.
Norton, *Bristol*, 21.
Norwood, *Norfolk*, 19.
Oakham, *Worcester*, 5.
Orange, *Franklin*, 8, 24.
Orleans, *Barnstable*, 2.
Otis, *Berkshire*, 4.
Oxford, *Worcester*, 23.
Packardville, in Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Palmer, *Hampden*, 9.
Paxton, *Worcester*, 23.
Peabody, *Essex*, 7.
Pelham, *Hampshire*, 11.
Pembroke, *Plymouth; no church.* (1447.)
Pepperell, *Middlesex*, 14.
Peru, *Berkshire*, 3.
Petersham, *Worcester*, 24.
Phillipston, *Worcester*, 24.
Pittsfield, *Berkshire*, 3.
Plainfield, *Hampshire*, 10.
Plymouth, *Plymouth*, 17.
Plympton, *Plymouth*, 17.
Prescott, *Hampshire*, 11.
Princeton, *Worcester*, 23.
Provincetown, *Barnstable*, 2.
Quincy, *Norfolk*, 15.
Randolph, *Norfolk*, 15.
Raynham, *Bristol*, 21.
Reading, *Middlesex*, 22.
Rehoboth, *Bristol*, 21.
Revere, *Suffolk*, 18.
Richmond, *Berkshire*, 3.
Rochester, *Plymouth*, 16.
Rockland, *Plymouth*, 15.
Rockport, *Essex*, 7.
Rockville, in Peabody, *Essex*, 7.
Rocky Hill, in Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Rowe, *Franklin; no church.* (531.)
Rowley, *Essex*, 6.
Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
Royalston, *Worcester*, 24.
Russell, *Hampden; no church.* (635.)
Rutland, *Worcester*, 23.
Salem, *Essex*, 7.
Salisbury, *Essex*, 6.
Sandisfield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Sandwich, *Barnstable*, 2.
Saugus, *Essex*, 7.
Saundersville, in Grafton, *Worcester*, 25.
Savoy, *Berkshire; no church.* (861.)
Saxonville, in Framingham, *Middlesex*, 13.
Scituate, *Plymouth*, 17.
Scotland, in Bridgewater, *Plymouth*, 21.
Seekonk, *Bristol*, 21.
Sharon, *Norfolk*, 15.
Sheffield, *Berkshire*, 4.
Shelburne, *Franklin*, 8.
Sherborn, *Middlesex*, 13.
Shirley, *Middlesex*, 14.
Shrewsbury, *Worcester*, 23.
Shutesbury, *Franklin*, 8.

Somerset, *Bristol*, 21.
Somerville, *Middlesex*, 18.
South Abington, *Plymouth*, 15.
Southampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Southfield, in New Marlborough, *Berkshire*, 4
South Hadley, *Hampshire*, 9, 11.
South Scituate, *Plymouth; no church.* (1661.)
Southville, in Southborough, *Worcester*, 13.
Southwick, *Hampden*, 9.
Spencer, *Worcester*, 5.
Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Sterling, *Worcester*, 23.
Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Stoneham, *Middlesex*, 22.
Stoughton, *Norfolk*, 15.
Stow, *Middlesex; no church.* (1813.) The church is in that part set off, in 1871, as Maynard.
Sturbridge, *Worcester*, 5.
Sudbury, *Middlesex*, 13.
Sunderland, *Franklin*, 8.
Sutton, *Worcester*, 25.
Swampscott, *Essex*, 7.
Swansea, *Bristol; no church.* (1294.)
Taunton, *Bristol*, 21.
Templeton, *Worcester*, 24.
Tewksbury, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tisbury, *Dukes*, 16.
Tolland, *Hampden*, 9.
Topsfield, *Essex*, 7.
Townsend, *Middlesex*, 14.
Truro, *Barnstable*, 2.
Turner's Falls, in Montague, *Franklin*, 8.
Tyngsborough, *Middlesex*, 1.
Tyringham, *Berkshire; no church.* (557.)
Upton, *Worcester*, 25.
Uxbridge, *Worcester*, 25.
Wakefield, *Middlesex*, 22.
Wales, *Hampden; no church.* (881.)
Walpole, *Norfolk*, 12.
Waltham, *Middlesex*, 20.
Waquoit, in Falmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.
Ware, *Hampshire*, 5.
Wareham, *Plymouth*, 16.
Warren, *Worcester*, 5.
Warwick, *Franklin*, 8.
Washington, *Berkshire*, 3.
Watertown, *Middlesex*, 20.
Waverley, in Belmont, *Middlesex*, 20.
Wayland, *Middlesex*, 13.
Webster, *Worcester*, 25.
Wellesley, in Needham, *Norfolk*, 13.
Wellfleet, *Barnstable*, 2.
Wendell, *Franklin*, 8.
Wenham, *Essex*, 7.
Westborough, *Worcester*, 25.
West Boylston, *Worcester*, 23.
West Bridgewater, *Plymouth; no church.* (1803.)
West Brookfield, *Worcester*, 5.
Westfield, *Hampden*, 9.
Westford, *Middlesex*, 14.
Westhampton, *Hampshire*, 10.
Westminster, *Worcester*, 24.
West Newbury, *Essex*, 6.
Weston, *Middlesex; no church.* (1261.)
Westport, *Bristol*, 16.
West Roxbury, in Boston, *Suffolk*, 19.
West Springfield, *Hampden*, 9.
West Stockbridge, *Berkshire*, 4.
Weymouth, *Norfolk*, 15.
Whately, *Franklin*, 11.
Whitinsville, in Northbridge, *Worcester*, 25.
Whittenton, in Taunton, *Bristol*, 21.
Wilbraham, *Hampden*, 9.
Williamsburg, *Hampshire*, 10.
Williamstown, *Berkshire*, 3.
Wilmington, *Middlesex*, 22.
Winchendon, *Worcester*, 24.
Winchester, *Middlesex*, 22.
Windsor, *Berkshire*, 3.
Winter Hill, in Somerville, *Middlesex*, 1.
Winthrop, *Suffolk; no church.* (532.)
Woburn, *Middlesex*, 22.
Worcester, *Worcester*, 23.
Worthington, *Hampshire*, 10.
Wrentham, *Norfolk*, 12.
Yarmouth, *Barnstable*, 2.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

RESIDENT IN MASSACHUSETTS, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OR COUNTY IN WHICH EACH NAME OCCURS.

This list includes only pastors or acting pastors and members of Associations; and of such only as reside or are in service in this State. Its post-office addresses may differ from the foregoing pages.

A list of members of our Associations residing in other States follows this list; and an alphabetical list of licentiates follows that.

A star (*) prefixed to any name in this list denotes that the person, although an "acting pastor," is not a member of any Association in this State.

In this list the *first* column of figures gives the *number* of the *Association of Ministers* with which a person is connected. The Association lists are numbered consecutively in pages 122–138, and the number will be found in the running titles at the top of those pages.

The *second* column of figures in this list gives the *number* of the *County* in which a person will be found to be in *pastoral service*, and these numbers will be found in the running titles of the County tables of churches, pages 140–154. A *blank* in either case signifies, — in the former, that one is not a member of any Association in this State; in the latter, that he is not reported to be in pastoral service in this State.

Abbe, Frederick R., Dorchester,	21,	
Abbott, Edward, Cambridge,	20,	
Adams, George M., Holliston,	14,	9
Adams, Nehemiah, D. D., Boston,	21,	13
Adams, William W., D.D., Fall River,	23,	3
Aiken, James, Charlestown,	18,	
Alden, Ebenezer, Jr., Marshfield,	18,	12
Alden, Edmund K., D. D., So. Boston,	21,	13
Aldrich, Jeremiah K., Groton,	16,	
Allen, Cyrus W., West Hanover,	18,	12
Allen, Ephraim W., West Haverhill,	6,	5
Allen, George E., Norton,	20,	
*Alvord Augustus, West Granville,		7
Ames, Marcus, Lancaster,	20,	
Anderson, Charles, No. Woburn,	24,	9
Anderson, Rufus, D. D., Boston,	20,	
Andrews, Samuel B., Braintree,	16,	
Angier, Marshall B., Ipswich,	11,	5
Anthony, George N., Peabody,	7,	5
Atwood, Edward S., Salem,	7,	5
*Atwood, Lewis P., No. Rochester,		12
Austin, Franklin D., Dunstable,	15,	9
Austin, Samuel J., Warren,	4,	14
Ayres, Rowland, Hadley,	12,	8
Babb, Thomas E., Oxford,	25,	14
Baker, Abijah R., D. D., Dorchester,	20,	
Baker, Smith, Lowell,	1,	9
Baldwin, Charles H., Medford,		9
Bale, Albert G., Melrose,	24,	9
Barnes, Henry E., Worcester,		14
Barrows, Charles D., Lowell,	1,	9
Barrows, John H., Lawrence,		5
Barrows, William, D. D., Reading,	20,	
Bartlett, Edward O., Pittsfield,	2,	2
Batchelder, John S., Webster,		
Bates, Alvan J., Saundersville,	27,	14
*Bates, James A., Lowell,		9
Batt, William J., Leominster,	15,	
Beaman, Charles C., Cambridge,	20,	
Beaman, Warren H., Amherst,	12,	
Bean, David M., South Framingham,	14,	9
Beard, Spencer F., Andover,	1,	
Beeber, Thomas R., Georgetown,	6,	
Beecher, Charles, Georgetown,	6,	5
Bell, James M., North Hadley,	12,	8
Bell, Samuel, East Attleborough,	23	3
Bigelow, Andrew, D. D., Southboro',	25,	
Billings, Richard S., Dalton,	2,	2
Bisbee, John H., Huntington,	11,	8
Biscoe, Thomas C., Holliston,	27,	
Bixby, Joseph P., Norwood,	21,	11
Blagden, George W., D. D., Boston,	20,	
Blake, Lyman H., Methuen,	6,	5
Blake, Mortimer, D. D., Taunton,	23,	3
Bliss, Charles R., Wakefield,	24,	9
Bliss, Daniel J., Warren,	4,	
Blodgett, Edward P., Greenwich,	12,	8
Boardman, Joseph, West Dracut,	1,	

Bodwell, Joseph C., Stockbridge, 2
Bond, William B., New Braintree, 4, 14
Boyd, Pliny S., Amesbury Mills, 6, 5
Boynton, Francis H., Mill River, 3, 2
Braman, Milton P., D.D., Auburndale, 19,
Bremner, David, Boxford, 18,
Briant, S. Ingersoll, Beverly, 16,
Briggs, William T., East Douglas, 27, 14
Brigham, David, South Plymouth, 18, 12
Broad, L. Payson, Baldwinville, 26, 14
Brooks, Charles S., South Deerfield, 8, 6
Brown, Josiah W., Charlton, 4,
Brown, Willard D., Gilbertville, 4, 14
Browne, John K., Cambridgeport, 20, 9
Bryant, Albert, Holbrook, 20,
Buckingham, Samuel G., D. D., Springfield, 9, 7
Bull, Richard B., West Brookfield, 4,
Bullard, Asa, Boston, 20,
Burnham, Michael, Fall River, 23, 3
Burt, Daniel C., New Bedford, 17,
Bushnell, William, M. D., Boston, 20,
Butler, Daniel, Waverly, 22,
*Bygrave, Hilary, East Milton, 11
Cady, Daniel R., D. D., Arlington, 21, 9
Calkins, Lyman D., W. Springfield, 10, 7
Campbell, Randolph, Newburyport, 6, 5
*Candee, George, Peru, 2
Carter, Clark, Lawrence, 1, 5
Chaddock, Emory G., Wellfleet, 5, 1
Chapin, Franklin, P., No. Weymouth, 16, 11
Chapman, Elias, Boston Highlands, 24,
Chickering, John W., D.D., Wakefield, 24,
Clark, Asa F., Leverett, 12, 6
Clark, Benjamin F., Dracut, 1,
Clark, De Witt S., Clinton, 25, 14
Clark, E. Benedict, Chicopee, 9, 7
Clark, Joseph B., Jamaica Plain, 21, 13
Clark, N. George, D.D, Boston, 20,
Clark, Solomon, Plainfield, 11, 3
Clark, Theodore J., Northfield, 3, 6
Clarke, Dorus, D.D., Boston, 20,
Clarke, Edward, Chesterfield, 11,
Clarke, Samuel W., Warwick, 3, 6
Clayes, Dana, Wakefield, 7,
Cobb, Elisha G., Florence, 11,
Cobb, Nathaniel, Kingston, 17,
Cobb, Solon, New Bedford, 24, 3
Cobb, William H., Chiltonville, 18, 12
Coggin, William S., Boxford, 10,
Coit, Joshua, Lawrence, 1, 5
Colton, Aaron M., Easthampton, 11, 3
Conant, Charles A., East Amherst, 12, 3
Cone, Luther H., Springfield, 9, 7
Cooledge, Charles E., Westminster, 26, 14
Cooley, Henry, Springfield, 10,
Cooley, Henry E., No. Leominster, 15, 14
Coolidge, Amos H., Leicester, 25, 14
Cornell, William M., M.D., D.D., LL.D., Boston, 16,
Cowles, John P., Ipswich, 6,
Cozzens, Samuel W., D.D, Medfield, 18,
Craig, Henry K., Falmouth, 5, 1
*Crane, Henry C., Franklin, 11
*Crawford, Otis D., Sunderland, 6
Crawford, Robert, D.D., Deerfield, 8, 6
Crosby, Josiah D., Ashburnham, 26,
Cross, Joseph W., Worcester, 25, 14
Cummings, Henry, Rutland, 25,
Currier, Albert H., Lynn, 19, 5
Cushing, Christopher, D.D., Cambridge, 20,
Cushman, Chester L., Phillipston, 9, 14
Cutler, Brainerd B., Wendell, 3, 6
Cutler, Calvin, Auburndale, 22, 9
Cutler, Ebenezer, D.D., Worcester, 25, 14
Cutler, Temple, Athol, 28, 14
Cutler, William H., East Marshfield, 23, 12
Cutter, Marshall M., West Medford, 24, 9
Dana, J. Jay, Hinsdale, 2,
Dana, Samuel H., Newton Highlands, 22, 9
Daniels, Charles H., Montague, 8, 6
Dascomb, Alfred B., Winchester, 9
Davis, Elnathan, Auburn, 15, 14
Davis, Perley B., Hyde Park, 21, 11
Davis, R. Henry, Granby, 12, 8
Dawes, Ebenezer, Dighton, 23, 3
*Day, Hiram, Chatham, 1
Day, Theodore L., 10,
Dean, William N. T., Somerset, 3
De Bevoise, Gabriel H., No. Brookfield, 4, 14
DeForest, Heman P., Westborough, 27, 14
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Dexter, Henry M., D.D., New Bedford, 17,
Dexter, H. Morton, Taunton, 23, 3
Dickinson, Henry A., Chester Centre, 7
*Dickinson, Noadiah S., So. Egremont, 2
Dingwell, James, Ashfield, 8, 6
Dodge, Austin, East Bridgewater, 16,
Dodge, Benjamin, Wollaston, 16,
Dodge, John W., Yarmouth, 5, 1
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Dowse, Edmund, Sherborn, 14, 9
Drake, Ellis R., Middleborough, 23, 12
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Dunning, Albert E., Boston Highlands, 21, 13
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Dutton, Albert I., East Longmeadow, 9, 7
*Dutton, Horace, Northborough, 14
Dwight, Edward S., D.D., Hadley, 12, 3

Dyer, E. Porter, Shrewsbury, 25, 14
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Eastman, John, West Hawley, 8, 6
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Eastman, Lucius R., Jr., Framingham, 14, 9
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Emerson, Rufus, Dracut, 12, 9
Emerson, Thomas A. Braintree, 16, 11
Emery, Joshua, North Weymouth, 16,
Emery, Samuel H., No. Middleboro', 23, 12
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Ewing, Edward C., Enfield, 12, 8
Fairbanks, Francis J., Paxton, 15, 14
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Fay Henry C., Townsend, 5, 9
Field, Aaron W Blandford, 7
Fifield, Charles W Huntington, 26, 8
Fisher, George E., So. Hadley Falls, 12, 8
Fiske, Daniel T., D.D., Newburyport, 3, 5
Fiske, Warren C., Charlton, 4,
Fitts, James H., Topsfield, 7, 19, 5
Fitz, Edward S., Southampton, 11, 8
Flagg, Rufus C., North Andover, 1, 5
Flint, Ephraim, D.D., Hinsdale 2, 2
Fobes, William A., Chesterfield, 11, 8
Folsom, Omar W Newburyport, 6, 5
Foster, Addison P Chelsea, 20, 13
Foster, Davis, Winchendon, 26, 14
Foster, Eden B., D.D., Lowell, 1, 9
Fowler, Stacy, Milbury, 25, 27, 14
Frary, Lucien H., Weymouth, 19, 11
Free, Samuel R., Southfield, 3, 2
Freeland, Samuel M., Newton, 9
Freeman, George E., Abington, 16, 12
French, S. Franklin, Tewksbury, 1, 9
Frink, Benson M Beverly, 19, 5
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Fullerton, Jeremiah E Southbridge, 4, 14
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Gale, Sullivan F., New Marlborough, 3, 2
Gale, Wakefield, Easthampton, 7,
Gammell, Sereno D., Boxford, 19, 5
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Garver, Austin S., Hingham, 16, 12
Gay, Ebenezer, Bridgewater, 18,
Gay, William M., West Warren, 4,
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*Gladden, Washington, Springfield, 7
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Gleason, John F., Williamsburg, 11, 8
Goodhue, Henry A., West Barnstable, 5, 1
*Gould, George H. D.D., Worcester, 14
Gregory, Lewis, West Amesbury, 6, 5
Greene, Henry S., Ballardvale, 1, 5
Greene, John M Lowell, 1, 9
Greene, William B Scituate, 21, 12
*Greenwood William, Hatfield, 8
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Griffin, Nath'l H., D.D., Williamstown, 2,
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Haley John W Tyngsborough, 23, 9
Hall, Gordon D.D., Northampton, 11, 8
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*Hamilton, William, Springfield, 7
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Hammond, William B., Acushnet, 17, 3
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Hanks, Stedman W., Cambridge, 20,
Harding, John W Longmeadow, 9, 7
Harding, Sewall Auburndale, 13,
Harlow, Rufus K Medway Village, 13, 11
Harrington, Eli W North Beverly, 7,
Harris, John L., Grantville, 22, 11
Harrison, Samuel, Pittsfield 2, 2
*Hartshorne, Viola J Hyannis, 1
Harwood, Charles E., Orleans, 5, 1
Haven John, Charlton, 4, 14
Hawkes, Winfield S., Fairhaven, 17, 3
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Hazen, Henry A., Billerica, 24, 9
Hazlewood, Webster Everett, 24, 9
Herrick, John R., D.D., South Hadley, 12, 8
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Herrick, William D., Gardner, 26, 14
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Hill Calvin G., Hamilton, 7, 5
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Homes, Francis, Easton, 19,
Hood Jacob Lyndfield, 7,
Hooker, Henry B., D.D., Boston, 21,
Hopkins, Henry, Westfield, 10, 7
Hopkins, Mark, D.D., LL.D., Williamstown, 2, 2
Hopley Samuel, West Stockbridge, 2
Hosmer, Samuel D., South Natick, 14, 9
Houghton William A., Berlin, 23, 14
Howard, Martin S., Wilbraham, 9, 7
Howe, Benjamin, Ipswich. 5
Howe, George M., Princeton, 14

Howes, Herbert R., Turner's Falls, 8, 6
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Hubbell, Wm. S., East Somerville, 20, 9
*Hudson Alfred S., Easton, 8
Humphreys, George F. Amherst, 12, 8
*Hurlbut, John E., Mittineague, 7
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Hyde, Charles M., D.D., Haverhill, 6, 5
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Ide, George H., Hopkinton, 14, 9
Ide, Jacob, D.D., West Medway, 13, 11
Ide, Jacob, Jr., Mansfield, 13, 8
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Jameson, Ephraim O., East Medway, 13, 11
Jenkins, Jonathan L., Amherst, 12, 8
Jennison, Joseph F., Canton, 16,
Jesup, Henry G., Amherst, 12,
Jewett, George B., Salem, 7,
Jewett, John E. B., Pepperell, 15,
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Jones, Charles, Saxonville, 14, 9
*Jones, C. J. K., Nantucket, 10
Jones, Jesse H., North Abington, 14, 12
Joyslin, William R., Rowley, 19, 5
Juchau, George, Goshen, 11, 8
Julien, Matthew C., New Bedford, 3
Karr William S., Cambridgeport, 20, 9
Keeler, Seneca M., West Newbury, 6, 5
Kelsey, Frank D., Marblehead, 7, 5
Kelsey, Henry S., Woburn, 24, 9
*Kendall, Henry L., Walpole, 11
Kendall, S. C., Lancaster, 13,
*Keyser, Calvin, Fall River, 8
Kimball, Caleb, Medway Village, 13,
Kimball, James P., Haydenville, 11, 8
Kimball, Woodbury S., Greenfield, 8, 6
Kingman, Matthew, Amherst, 12,
Kingsbury, Charles A., Marion, 17, 12
Kingsbury, John D., Bradford, 6, 5
Kingsbury, Josiah W. No. Reading, 24, 9
Knight, Richard, South Hadley Falls, 9, 8
Labaree, Benjami D.D., W. Roxbury, 21,
Labaree, John C., Randolph, 16, 11
Lamb, Edward E., Shelburne Falls, 8, 6
Lamb, William A., Holden, 7, 14
Lamson, Charles M. Worcester, 25, 14
Lane, John W., Whately, 12, 6
Langworthy, Isaac P Chelsea, 20,
Lanman, Joseph Westhampton, 11, 8
Lanphear, Orpheus T., D.D., Beverly, 7, 5
Lasell, Nathaniel, Amesbury, 6,
Lawrence, Amos E., Newton Centre, 3,
Lawrence, Edw. A., D.D., Marblehead, 1,
Lawrence, Robert F Malden, 24,
Leavitt, George R., Cambridgeport, 20, 9
Leavitt, William S., Northampton, 11, 8
Leete, Theodore A., Palmer, 10, 7
Leonard, Edwin, South Dartmouth, 17, 3
Leonard, Hartford P Taunton, 23,
Leonard, William, South Wellfleet, 5, 1
Livermore, Albert, Miller's Falls, 8,
Livingston, Wm. W North Carver, 18, 12
Loomis, Aretas G., Greenfield, 8,
Lord, John M., Rockland, 17,
Lothrop, Charles D., Amherst, 12,
Lounsbury, Henry A., Shirley Village, 15,
Lowry, Samuel E., North Newton, 22, 9
Luce, Leonard, Westford, 15,
Lyle, William W., Duxbury, 18, 12
Lyman, George, Amherst, 12,
Lyman, Payson W Belchertown, 12, 8
Lyman, Timothy, Ludlow Mills, 10, 7
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McIntire, Charles C., Rockport, 7, 5
McKenzie, Alexander, Cambridge, 20, 9
McLean, James, South Weymouth, 16, 11
McLoud, Anson, Topsfield, 19,
McNeille, Robert G S., Brockton, 16, 12
Makepeace, F Barrows, Gloucester, 19, 5
Mallory Charles W., Housatonic, 3, 2
Maltby, Erastus, Taunton, 23, 3
Mandell, William A. Cambridge, 15,
Mann, Asa, Raynham, 23, 3
Manning Jacob M., D.D., Boston, 20, 13
Marsh, Alfred F., Shelburne, 8, 6
Marsh, D. Dana, Georgetown, 19, 5
Marshall, Henry G., Charlemont, 8, 6
Marvin, Abijah P., Lancaster, 25, 14
Mathews, S. Sherberne, Wilmington, 24 9
Mead, Charles M., Andover, 1,
Means, James H., D.D., Dorchester, 21, 13
Means, John O., D.D., Boston Highlands, 21, 13
Mears, David O., North Cambridge, 20, 9
Mears, Lucian D., Sterling, 25,
Merrill, James H., Andover, 1, 5
*Merrill, Josiah, South Franklin, 11
Merrill, J Lewis, South Royalston, 26, 14
Merrill, Selah, D.D., Andover, 1,
Merrill, Truman A., Wayland, 14, 9
Merritt, Elbridge W. Hardwick, 4, 14
Miles, James B., D D., Boston, 20,
Miller, Joel D., Leominster, 15,
Miller, Rodney A., Worcester, 25,
Miller, Simeon, Springfield, 10,
Mills, Charles L., Jamaica Plain, 21,
Moody, Eli, Montague, 8,
Moore, Edson J., Harwichport, 5, 1
*Moore, Nathaniel S., Westport, 3
Morehouse, D. Allen, Essex, 19,
Morley, Sardis B., Pittsfield, 2,
Morong, Thomas, Ipswich, 7, 5
*Morrill, Stephen S., Harvard, 14

Morris, Ozias S., Cummington, West Village, 11, 8
Morton, Alpha, Oakham, 4, 14
Munson, Myron A., Neponset, 21, 13
Nason, Charles P. H., Chelsea, 20, 13
Newell, Wellington, East Charlemont, 8, 6
Newhall, Ebenezer Cambridgeport, 20,
Newman, Stephen M., Taunton, 23, 3
Noble, Edward W., Truro, 5, 1
Noble, Mason, Jr., Sheffield, 3, 2
Norton, Edward, Quincy 16, 11
*Norton, John F Natick, 1
Norton, Thomas S., 16,
Noyes, Daniel P Newburyport, 22,
Ober, Benjamin, Petersham, 2,
Olds, Henry H., 10,
*Oviatt, George A., Sudbury, 9
Oxnard, Frederick, Sandwich, 5, 1
*Paine, Albert, North Falmouth, 1
Paine, Bernard, Foxborough, 13, 11
Paine, John C. Groveland. 6, 5
Paine, William P., D.D., Holden, 25. 14
Palmer, Edwin B., 9,
Palmer, Frederic, Revere, 13
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*Park, Edwards A., D.D., Andover, 5
Park, William E., Lawrence, 1, 5
Parker, Horace, Ayer, 15, 9
Parker, Leonard S., Ashburnham, 26, 14
Parker, William W., West Boylston, 15, 14
Parkhurst, Charles H., Lenox, 2
*Parry, William M., Worcester, 14
Parsons, Henry M., Boston, 21,
Patrick Henry J., West Newton, 22, 9
Patten, Moses, Carlisle, 24, 9
Peabody, Charles, Ashburnham, 26, 14
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*Peffers, Aaron B., Dracut, 9
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Peloubet, Francis N., Natick, 14, 9
Pennell, Lewis, West Stockbridge Centre, 3, 2
Perkins, Ariel E. P., D.D., Ware, 4, 8
Perkins, Francis B., Grantville, 21,
Perry, Cyrus M., Southwick, 10, 7
Perry, David, East Falmouth, 5, 1
Perry, Ralph, Agawam, 10, 7
Phelps, Austin, D.D., Andover, 1,
Phelps, Winthrop H., So. Egremont, 3,
Phillips, Daniel, North Chelmsford, 1,
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Phillips, Lebbeus R., Groton, 16,
Phipps, George G., Wellesley, 14, 11
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Pierce, Webster K., Brimfield, 7
Pierson, Wm. H., North Somerville, 24, 9
Pike, Josiah W C., Holland, 27, 7
Pike, John, D.D., Rowley, 6,
Piper, Caleb W., Tolland, 5, 7
Plumb, Albert H., Boston Highlands, 20, 13
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Porter, Edward G., Lexington, 20, 9
Potter, Edmund S., West Somerville, 6
*Powers, Dennis, Worthington, 8
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Pratt, Miner G, Andover, 25,
*Prior, Isaac R., Rehoboth, 3
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Putnam, Hiram B., Salem, 19, 5
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Richardson, Martin L., Sturbridge, 4, 14
Richardson, Merrill, D.D., Milford, 13, 25, 14
*Richardson, Nathaniel, West Gloucester, 5
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Roberts, Jacob, Auburndale, 13,
Robie, Benjamin A., Groton, 24, 9
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Rockwood, Samuel L., Hanson, 16, 12
Rogers, Henry M., Webster, 14
Root, Augustine, Taunton, 23,
Ropes, William L., Andover, 13,
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Sanford, David, Medway Village, 13, 11
Sanford, Enoch, Raynham, 18,
Sanford, William H., Worcester, 25,
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Scott, Nelson, East Granville, 10, 7
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Seagrave, James C., Haverhill, 6, 5
Seeley, Raymond H., D.D., Haverhill, 6, 5
Seelye, Julius H., D.D., Amherst, 12,
Seelye, Samuel T., D.D., Easthampton, 11, 3
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*Swallow, Joseph E., Alford, 2
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*Tarleton, Joseph W., West Newbury, 5
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Thompson, William A., Reading, 24, 9
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Tyler, William S., D.D., Amherst, 12,
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*Walker, Charles S., Holyoke, 10, 7
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Walker, Horace D., Bridgewater, 16, 12
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Wood, John, Acton, 14,
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Woodworth, Leverett S., Campello, 12
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Wright, Newell S., Salisbury, 5
Wright, William B., Boston, 22, 13

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Bell, Robert C., *Darien, Ct.*, 8,
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Bliss, Daniel. D.D., *Beirût*, 12,
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Brigham, Levi, *Troy, N. H.*, 19,
Bruce, Henry J., *India*, 9,
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Childs, Alex. C., *W. Charlestown, Vt.*, 19,
Clark, Nelson, 23,
Clarke, William B., *Norwich, Ct.*, 21,
Coan, Leander S., *Alton, N. H.*, 23,
Crowther, Thomas, 2,
Cushman, John P., *Troy, N. Y.*, 26,
Danforth, James R., *Philadelphia, Pa.*, 22,
Dennen, Stephen R., D.D., *New Haven, Ct.*, 19,
Dowden, William H., *East Jaffrey, N. H.*, 24,
Edwards, Jonathan, 21,
Eggleston, Nathaniel H., *Enfield, Ct.*, 3,
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Hazen, Allen, D.D., *India*, 9,
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Hobbs, Simon L., 8,
Hooker, Edward P., *Middlebury, Vt.*, 24,
Howland, William W., *Ceylon*, 8,
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Lyman, Ephraim, *Minneapolis, Minn.*, 11,
McEwen, Robt., D.D., *New London, Ct.*, 12,
Marden, Geo. N., *Farmington, Me.*, 15,
Morgan, David S., *Montello, Wis.*, 11,
Morse, Charles F., *Thetford, Vt.*, 26,
Munger, Theodore T., 1,
Munsell, Joseph R., *Vermont*, 5,
Packard, David T., *Los Angeles, Cal.*, 22,
Painter, Charles C. C., *Stafford Springs, Ct.*, 3,
Phipps, William, *Plainfield, Conn.*, 25,
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Powell, James. *Chicago, Ill.*, 6,
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Sanborne, Geo. E., *Hartford, Conn.*, 25,
Sargent, Roger M., *Illinois*, 25,
Seabury, Edwin, *Berlin, Vt.*, 5,
Sewall, John S., *Brunswick, Me.*, 19,
Sewall, Jotham B., *Brunswick, Me.*, 19,
Seymour, Bela N., *New Ipswich, N. H.*, 13,
Shapleigh, Horace S., 3,
Southworth, Benjamin, *Wells, Me.*, 18,
Stone, Harvey M., *Rochester, N. H.*, 5,
Switzer, Christopher J., *Summer Hill, N. Y.*, 5,
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Turner, Josiah W., *Cleveland, Ohio*, 5, 22
Washburn, Geo. T., *Madura, India*, 3,
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Bartlett, William J., Lay Preacher, Lee, 3,
Bedford, Robert C., 1,
Blake, Henry W., 12,
Boies, William E., 9,
Buffum, Joshua, 24,
Bugbey, Will S., 1,
Burr, Austin H., 1,
Childs, James H., 1,
Choate, Washington, Essex, 19,
Colwell, John W., 1,
Crowell, Edward P., Prof. Amherst, 12,
Dickinson, George F., 8,
Eaton, Edward D., 1,
Fiske, Joseph E., 1,
Gordon, Charles E., 1,
Guernsey, Charles W., 1,
Hall, Charles L., 1,
Hill, James L., 1,
Hird, John W., 1,
Ingalls, Edward C., 20,
Kaley, John A., 1,
Kilburn, Daniel W., 20,
Manning, Charles, 24,
Marsh, Frank J., 1,
Marston, F. E., 21,
Mather, Richard H., Prof. Amherst, 12,
Matthews, Robert J., 1,
Means, David McG., 1,
Montague, William L., Prof. Amherst, 12,
Parker, Francis, 1,
Parsons, Benjamin F., 3,
Peckham, William C., *Brooklyn, N. Y.*, 23
Phelps, M. Stuart, *Tutor Yale Coll.*, 1,
Prescott, Harrison, Lay Preacher, Newton Centre, 22,
Pullan, Frederick P., Amherst, 12,
Rand, William A., 1,
Robinson, Thomas, 1,
Ropes, C. J. H., 1,
Sawyer, Joseph H., Easthampton, 11,
Seabury, Joseph B., 1,
Smith, Edward P., 24,
Smith, John E., 1,
Steele, Charles E., 1,
Stickel, Edwin C., 1,
Stone, Edward G., 1,
Terry, Roderic, 1,
Thurston, Charles A. G., Boston, 6, 24,
Tomblen, Charles L., 1,
Waters, T. Franklin, 1,
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Wheeler, S. H., 1,
Williamson, J. D., 1,
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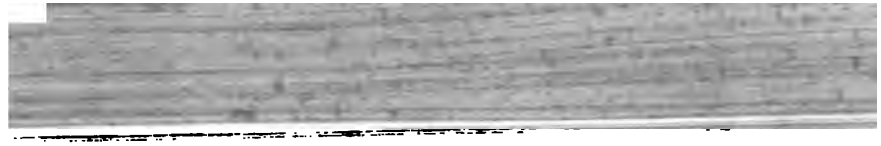

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